

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

411 NE 8TH ST  
NORTH BEND, WA 98045

Special Points of Interest:

- Mar. 7th—6PM Soup supper,  
7PM Holden Evening Prayer
- Mar. 10th—Turn clocks  
ahead one hour before bed
- Mar. 11th—Daylight Saving  
Time Begins
- Mar. 14th—6PM Soup Supper  
7PM Holden Evening Prayer
- Mar. 21st—6PM Soup Supper  
7PM Holden Evening Prayer
- Mar. 24th—9:30AM Spring  
Clean-up & Yard Work
- Mar. 25th—Palm Sunday:  
Procession of the palms and  
Easter Egg Hunt (9:35AM)
- Mar. 29th—6:30PM Maundy  
Thursday Worship at SUMC
- Mar. 30th—7PM Good  
Friday Worship at Mt. Si  
Lutheran Church (office closed)

**April 1st  
Easter Sunday Worship  
8:15AM & 10:45AM  
Easter Breakfast  
9:15-10:30AM**

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# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## March 2018

From Pastor Krista's Desk.....



Looking to God's future for Mt Si Lutheran Church is one of the many responsibilities of council leadership. Over the next year we are seeking to develop mission priorities that will live into that future. Those who attended the annual meeting added your input to the

vision and mission by writing on the large pieces of paper provided on the wall. Young and old shared their hopes and dreams for the future mission of this faith community. As I read through what each person wrote and contributed I can see the desires to rekindle some old projects, the hopes to expand existing ministry and the drive to create new opportunities and directions. One thing I always say to congregations, as I worked with them in Upstate NY on behalf of the synod to lead strategic planning retreats, is to dream big...as though the sky is the limit...as though God is actually at work in the ideas presented. I also remind congregations that whatever history or past you have, is past. We can renew old ministries, but we cannot re-create them just as they were. Why? Because we have changed, the church has changed and the world has changed. Some of us deeply desire to "go back to the way it was." I appreciate the sentiment and passion behind that phrase. I would suggest, however, that we can also say, with just as much passion, "I look forward to where the Spirit is leading us," because we trust that the future God is revealing is for our life. If you didn't have a chance to write something on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall and you have a vision for the future of this faith community, please let me know. No dream is too big!

The work of council will be to take all you have shared and begin piecing together a strategic plan. The plan will include narrowing our mission goals down to between 3-5. Next we will work to determine when each goal will be put into action. This means that some goals may not be started for a year or two and some may be worked on immediately. In the summer the congregation will have an opportunity to see where the council is in our process and give us feedback to see if we have accurately discerned where the energy for the future lies within this congregation. By the fall we should have our strategic goals narrowed down and will begin to work with the whole congregation to develop small groups to help flesh out the details around each goal including cost, time commitment, resources needed and so on. It is my hope that, by the next annual meeting the council can present a detailed strategic mission plan to help guide the mission of this congregation for the next three-five years. Yes, it will take some time and the plan might change as we work on this, but I pray this will be a year to offer unity and clarity to each of us in this faith community and give us a strong sense of God's purpose for Mt Si Lutheran Church.

So, without further ado...here is what you said so far!

**Vision for Mission within Mt Si Lutheran:**

- Build strong fellowship with visitation teams
- Home communion (existing),
- Care-team
- Movie night
- Go to Holden Village
- Dance night
- Integrate/Connect new members
- Library day
- Go to a museum
- Field trip to another church
- Bible study groups (existing)
- Ski trip
- Choir
- Camping trips
- Game night
- Bunco

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- Women, Wine and Wisdom (starting soon!) - Car rides for those in need - Beer and Theology (starting soon!)
- Community garden expansion - Record worship and send to all who need it
- Vibrant Children and Youth ministry with mission component, fellowship component, church leadership component

#### **Vision for Mission to the Snoqualmie Valley:**

- Crop Walk - Ministry to hikers, prayer on the trail, blessing for hikers, water bottles, doggie bag handouts
- Prayer shawls (existing) - Help homebound in the community with small repairs and yardwork
- Environmental ministry - Take seriously the “Great Commission” to raise disciples, baptize and teach the commandments of Jesus - Elder support in assisted living communities
- Festival parade (re-new old ministry) - Backpack project (existing)

#### **Vision for Mission to the wider world:**

- Annual Habitat for Humanity Trips - Mission moments (what are ELCA missionaries doing?) - Field trips
- International mission trips - Quilting ministry (existing) - Go to Alaska

You will notice that several of the missions listed already exist. This congregation already serves in a number of ways and our priorities may reflect the desire to continue the work we are already doing in some areas. Thanks for your input so far! Please keep us in prayer as we move forward with this project.

~Peace, Pastor Krista



## Mar. 25th Palm Sunday—Palm Procession

Prior to each worship service, please gather together in the Fellowship Hall to receive a palm so that we can participate with the palm procession into the sanctuary and the children will have rhythm instruments. We will then go forward and place the palms in the wooden cross boxes near the altar and also place the Lenten offering rice bowls at the altar.



## *Flowers for Easter Sunday*

We want to fill our church with flowers this year for Easter Sunday. We will be taking orders for flowers through Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. We will then place your name on the flowers, so you can take them home with you on Easter Sunday after services. We are looking at getting tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and lilies. Prices will be \$10 for tulips, daffodils and hyacinths and about \$22 for lilies. Please look for the “Easter Flower” envelopes to place your order for flowers located in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers in ‘Memory of’ or in ‘Honor of’ a loved one, please provide that information on the order form. Questions? Ask Erica Haycox or Pr. Krista.



## **Easter Breakfast Buffet—Apr. 1st 9:15-10:30AM!**

This Easter Sunday the confirmation youth will host a breakfast buffet from 9:15-10:30AM. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and a hot breakfast including fruit, breakfast casseroles, muffins, sweet breads, coffee, juice & more!  
Free will offering greatly appreciated and will go towards a local social service agency determined by the youth.

\*Last Easter we raised \$850 for Family & Youth Ministry and we plan to use that money for a youth gathering this year. Thank you for all the generous donations.



# Parish Education News!

**Sunday School Update!** It has been wonderful to learn about Jesus, His ministry and how Jesus shows us God's power! We will soon begin our Spring curriculum where we continue to learn about Jesus' ministry and His journey to the cross. We are very excited to welcome Dana Koukol back as she leads our Submerge Teen class Sunday Mornings!

There are many exciting events coming up so make sure you check out the calendar. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with these special busy days so if you are interested please see Debbie Jones or Courtney Adams. Come check us out! We have classes for ages 3-103, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs!

- \***Children's Sunday School 9:30-10:30 AM**
- \***Submerge Teen Time 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:20 Go!**
- \***Adult Education Hour 9:30-10:35 AM**

### **Sunday School Staff for the 2017-2018 School Year:**

Preschool—*Nancy Flanagan/Rosemary Hanson*  
Kindergarten/First grade—*Debbie Jones/Peggy Halferty*  
Second/Third grades—*Courtney Adams/Lisa Sampson*  
Fourth/Fifth grades—*Kim Buckmaster/Joanne Chase*  
Submerge Teen Time—*Dana Koukol*  
Adult Education Hour—*Dan Luke/Marlin Olson/Pr. Krista*

### **Schedule Note**

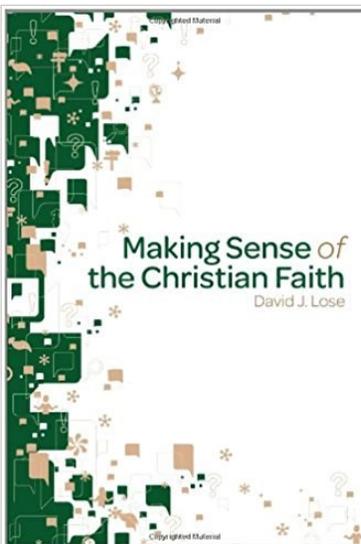
Mar. 4-Mar. 18—Adult Forum: **“Making Sense of the Cross”**. In the series, Making Sense of the Cross, Rev. Dr. David Lose outlines the progression of theories over the centuries regarding what happened on the cross. Called Atonement theories, you might be surprised by the many ways in which people of faith believe regarding the cross. Perhaps you may be surprised by what you believe...This nine week study will run through March 18th, no adult forum Mar. 25th or Apr. 1st, and will conclude Apr. 8th. The adult forum meets at 9:30AM in the Library and will be led by Marlin Olson, Dan Luke, or Pr. Krista.



Easter Egg Hunt

## ***Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday-Mar. 25***

All children (preschool-5th grade) are invited to Mt. Si's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, Mar. 25th. We will meet at 9:35AM for Sunday School, have a lesson and a snack, then we will gather for the Easter Egg Hunt.



## **New Teen and Adult Dinner Study Opportunity!**

**Wednesday Evenings—6:30pm-8:00pm**

**8 Weeks Starting April 4th-May 23rd**

By the same author as Making Sense of the Cross, this study, Making Sense of the Christian Faith, explores the topics of “What is Theology,” “Creation,” “Sin,” “Covenant, Law, Community,” “Incarnation,” “Atonement,” “Church and Holy Spirit,” and “Eschatology.”

**Books** are \$13 new on Amazon or you are welcome to buy a used book on Amazon. A sign up sheet will be posted soon in the Narthex.

**Dinner** will be provided on April 4th and then we can discuss how we want to provide meals for the following weeks.

Pastor Krista will be leading this Study. See you there!

# What's Happening...



## Confirmation Overnight Retreat! March 16th, 6pm- 17th, 11am

All confirmation youth are asked to attend this important overnight! We will worship, play games, figure out what we are doing next and settle on an outreach project and confirmation date. We will also work to set-up a regular Youth Night for all Middle and High School Youth to attend.



Needle Art/Fellowship Circle is meeting at Mt Si Golf Course on Thursdays at 9:30am. It is very relaxed, you can bring a project, or not. You can have a cup of coffee/tea, or breakfast, the best thing is just hanging out together! Hope to see you there. Any questions, contact Linda Luke or Leslie Hatling.”



## Sat., Mar. 24th 9:30AM—11:30AM Spring Clean-up & Yard Work

It's that time of year again when we do some spring cleaning and yard work at Mt. Si. We can use lots of help with trimming, sweeping, pulling weeds, re-planting urns, cleaning outside windows and much more! So, bring your work gloves and any gardening/yard tools and help with this special project. Hope to see you there! If rain, rescheduled to Mar. 31st.



## Calling all 2018 Graduates!!!



If you are a member of Mt. Si Lutheran Church and have a family member graduating from High School, College, or Grad School, please call the office @ 425 888-1322 or email Sheila Rodriguez at [mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org](mailto:mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org).

Please let Sheila know **before Apr. 16th** so we can publicize their names in the May/June newsletter.

Graduate Recognition Sunday is tentatively scheduled for **June 3rd or 10th !**



**Shipwrecked...rescued by Jesus**  
**2018 Vacation Bible School**  
**Save the Dates!**  
**July 22-26 5:45-8:15PM**

**If you want to help with planning and decorating for this year's V.B.S., please speak to Debbie Jones.**

Easter Outreach Project for all ages! **Friday, March 23rd, 2:00-5:30PM** in the Fellowship we will be making goodies bags for the Snoqualmie Valley Shelter. The shelter closes on March 31st. So our goodie bags will include Cup-of-soup, spoons, peanut butter and cracker snacks, hand warmers and candy. We will make hand-made Easter cards for each bag. For House of Hope we will put together a festive Easter basket for each family to open. If you are able to donate any of these items, please add them to the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!



## Valentine Goodie Bag— Outreach Night!

On Feb. 8th, we gathered to make 50 handmade Valentine cards for women and children living at House of Hope and for the Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services. Thank you to all who came to this fun event.

**Our wonderful Sunday School children also made beautiful Valentines and handed them out to the congregation on Feb. 11th.**



# Meet your 2018 Council Members

<b>President</b> Jack Boller      2018 (2) Email: jboller2@comcast.net	<b>Vice President</b> Erica Haycox      2020 (1) Email: er35@comcast.net	<b>Secretary</b> Nancy Flanagan      2020 (2) Email: nf2469@gmail.com	<b>Treasurer</b> Annual Renewal Jeff King Email: jeff_king_pnw@yahoo.com
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Debbie Spurling      2019 (2) Email: angeltender@hotmail.com	<h2 style="color: #92d050; font-size: 2em;">Council Corner!</h2>		

Council met on February 27th with a full plate of items to discuss. Terry Adams led our devotional time and we then proceeded to the business portion of the meeting. The Pastor reported on pastoral care work, worship updates and new educational opportunities. A new Teen and Adult Study will begin on April 4th and continue on Wednesday nights through May. This new education class will be led by Pastor Krista. The first topic is “Making Sense of the Christian Faith.” It is an eight week study. See the full article in the newsletter for more details. Pastor also shared that one interview has taken place for the Children Youth and Family Ministry Director position and that another interview will be taking place in the next couple weeks. Please keep our interview team in your prayers! Erica Haycox and Pastor Krista are hosting another children, youth and family outreach project on Friday March 23rd from 2:00-5:30PM to support House of Hope and the Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services. We hope to see you here that night to help fill bags of Easter cheer for these organizations. Parish Education is working through the Sunday School lessons and welcomed Dana Koukol as the new teacher for the Submerge Teen Class. Our confirmation students are getting ready for an overnight here at church on March 16-17...so if you see the lights on late at night, its just us! VBS is already getting off the ground with Debbie Jones taking the lead. See the article in the newsletter for more information. There really is quite a lot going on here at Mt Si! In this newsletter you will find bios for al of our new members. Please take time to reach out and help connect all these blessed brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Stewardship and Finance team shared its plans to kick-off a capital campaign at the end of April that will last a year and seek to raise \$100,000 for various church projects. A letter with details regarding the campaign will be sent out to all members in early April. Please take time to read it.

Thanks to all who signed up for worship leadership! Training for many new acolytes, lectors, communion assistants, and ushers has taken place. Sound tech folks are always ready to train new people on the sound board.

Council will gather for a retreat in April to continue work on the strategic mission plan that you all helped flesh out at the annual meeting. You will see what folks have written down in Pastor’s report in this newsletter. Thank you for your input.

As we continue in this Lent Season and move towards Holy week we encourage everyone to participate in Maundy Thursday services at Snoqualmie Valley UMC on March 29th, 6:30pm and Good Friday services at 7pm here at Mt. Si Lutheran.

~Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Krista Oppie

### Child, Family and Youth Director Search Update!



The Children, Youth and Family Director position has been posted and we have had a few candidates provide their information for the position. The Interview Team (Lisa Sampson, Ed Benson, Nancy Flanagan and Pastor Krista) are beginning initial interviews in the next week. We look forward to what this new position will mean for the faith life of this congregation and its ministry to children, youth and families. Please keep us in your prayers!

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

# HERE'S THE NEWS



**Acolyte Guardian**—Shelley Harding. To schedule your child(ren), please see the sign up calendar in the cry room of the church. Shelley will remind Acolytes each week when scheduled. If you would like to help Shelley, or are willing to rotate with her, please speak to Shelley. If you are interested in acolyte training, please speak to Pr. Krista or Sheila Rodriguez.

**Holy Communion Instruction Class—Learn to make communion bread**—If you are interested in your child attending this class, please call or email Pr. Krista by **Mar. 11th**. Class date: TBD. Parents are invited to attend with their child(ren). Children completing the instruction class will be recognized during worship on Easter Sunday.



**Do you like to celebrate birthdays?** Well we want you to know that Mt. Si has a group of ladies who have been meeting the first Thursday of the month to celebrate our birthdays for several years. Anyone can come. No membership required and we promise we are a friendly/inviting group of ladies who enjoy friendship, fun, and fellowship. If you are home during the daytime and would like to join us, please come. Instead of gifts, we bring non-perishable items for the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and bring something to share for lunch. Please come and join the “*Birthday Lunch Bunch*” at 11:30AM. If you have questions, please contact Sheila Rodriguez.



**Chronic Conditions Support Group (CCSG)** This group is for anyone coping with a chronic condition. Whether dealing with arthritis, migraines, Parkinson’s, cancer or other illnesses, participants are invited to share their stories and challenges. The group is also open to caregivers and people with age-related health issues. Each group-facilitated meeting will include prayers, Bible readings, helpful resources and pertinent topics such as “*Staying Optimistic in the Face of a Chronic Condition.*” We also will include activities such as journaling, crafts and local outings. We meet on a Saturday from 10:00-11:30AM in the Library and coffee and tea are provided; snacks are welcome. This month we meet on Mar. 10th from 10:00-11:30AM. If you are interested in finding out more, please call Susan Olds at 425-888-0281 or Sheila Rodriguez at 425-888-1322.



**Library Update:** Love to read? The Mt. Si Library is a treasure trove of Christian non-fiction and fiction books. Other categories include inspirational books for families, for troubled teens, for the bereaved and for women and men seeking a closer walk with God. The library includes a whole wall of Bibles, Bible study guides and books on Biblical history, many of which are out of print. The library is a great resource for church members and is open during office hours. So check it out! Put down that Nook and grab a book! Contact: Susan Olds 425-888-0281 or Joyce Ayers at 425-888-0112.



Previously Valley Renewal Center  
Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services  
7829 Center Blvd SE #239, Snoqualmie, WA  
98065 <http://www.svshelterservices.org/>

**2017-2018 Shelter Season Locations:**  
Mar. 3rd-30th—Fall City United Methodist Church  
**Are you in need of shelter? Please call or text 425.505.0038**



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

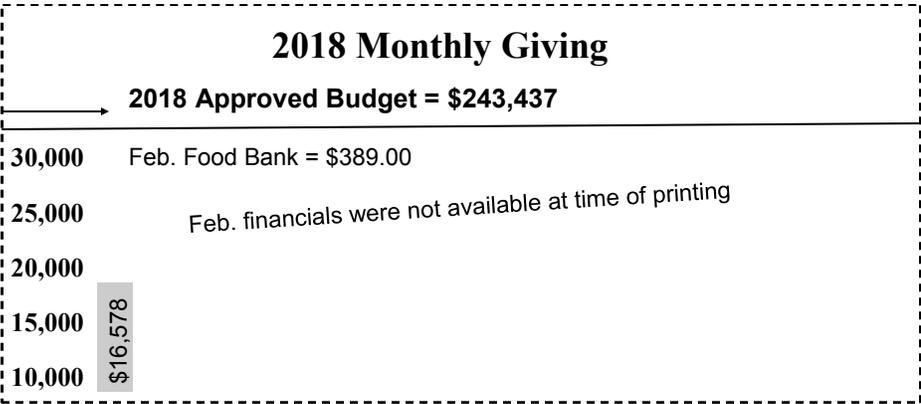
Help us maintain a healthy community and provide food to our neighbors in need. Be part of a community in action.

**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

# F.Y.I.

You may contribute to the newsletter by submitting your articles to the church office by email or a simple phone call. The Deadline for submissions is the 3RD MONDAY of each month, except when earlier deadlines are required due to holidays, etc. Call 425 888-1322



### Automate Your Giving

Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the on-line giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Just go to [www.mtsilutheran.org](http://www.mtsilutheran.org) and click on Giving. If you have questions, please speak to Leslie Hatling, Financial Secretary.

### Corrections/updates:

 **Church Photo Directory**

**Dave & Lorraine Wilkerson**  
Dave (425) 830-7103 Lorraine (425) 736-6426

**Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler**  
(425) 941-0365

**Betty Shardelman**  
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**Curtis & Genada Lynn**  
moved to Apr. 309, same address  
(425) 395-7104

 **Is Serving as Worship Assistant Really a Ministry? Absolutely!**

**Ushering** is a public ministry of hospitality and evangelism. In a real and vital way, ushers are the “welcoming committee” here at MSLC.

**The Lector** is the minister who brings the Word of God to life for all to hear. This calling requires preparation so that the readings can become a vehicle for sharing the Word with God’s people.

**Communion Helper** also serves a vital and holy ministry. They assist the Pastor with distributing the “bread” and “wine” to those wishing to receive Holy Communion.

**Acolyte** is an ancient Greek word meaning helper or follower. Acolytes help shape the worship experience by lighting and extinguishing (putting out) the altar candles.

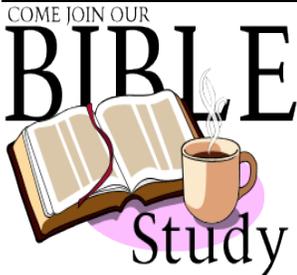
**Those wanting to assist as Usher, Communion Helper, Lector, or Acolyte, will need some instructions. Please contact the church office if interested in being trained.**

 **Spring forward!**

**Don't forget to set all of your clocks one hour ahead!**

**Daylight Saving Time Begins Mar. 11th**

## 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.

 **OFFICIAL ACTS**

**Memorial**

02/17/18 Memorial for Jessie Evelyn Bartlett at Mt. Si Lutheran Church, presided by Pastor Krista Oppie.

**Bible Study for WOMEN**

Monday Women's Bible Study Group. Please join us every Monday at 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Laura Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294.

## Welcome New Members

**On Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, Mt. Si Lutheran Church received 22 new members by affirmation of faith and a few transfers. We are so happy to have these new families join as active voting members and look forward to getting to know each of them better. Many have already shown an interest in our Bible study groups, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Quilting Ministry, Library, and serving as worship assistants. Please show each family a warm Mt. Si welcome!**



**Darrell and Pam Willson**

Married since October 1970. We have lived in Schwaebish Hall, West Germany, Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Fort Greeley, AK. When Darrell separated from the Army, we moved to Snoqualmie Valley in 1978 to live. Darrell retired from Boeing in 2004. Pam is an RN, currently working part-time at Swedish medical center. We have two children, born while we were in the service. Our son is in construction and our daughter-in-law is a tattoo artist. Our daughter is a NICU nurse and our son-in-law is an ELCA chaplain in the Navy. We have 4 grandchildren, ranging from 16 years old to 23 years old. We previously attended several church's- any protestant church on a current assignment while in the military and then Bethlehem Lutheran in Renton.

Darrell and Pam Willson

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**Don, Brenda, Molly and D Davis**

Don and Brenda Davis moved to North Bend from Utah about 4 years ago. They have two children, Molly (8) and Don "D" (6). Don grew up in Dayton, WA, a small town in eastern WA. Brenda is from Pennsylvania, about an hour NW of Pittsburgh. The Davis family love calling North Bend home with their dog, cat and 4 chickens. They are excited that the Lord called their hearts to Mt. Si Lutheran Church and thank everyone for the truly welcoming feeling that has been extended.

Don, Brenda, Molly and D Davis

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### **Erik, Jenna, Toren, and Kaiya Rhyne**

Erik and Jenna Rhyne moved to North Bend from Greensboro, North Carolina. Erik grew up in NC and has spent the last several years exploring entrepreneurship by opening an Auto Service shop and a Used Car Dealership. Jenna grew up in South Carolina, and made the move from Bank of America to T-Mobile as a Statistical Analyst. Erik and Jenna met at a Lutheran camp (Lutherock) in the mountains of North Carolina, where they worked as Outdoor Adventure leaders for kids and adults. They have two children, Toren (8) and Kaiya (6). Erik and Jenna were both raised in the Lutheran church, with Erik's dad being a Lutheran pastor and Jenna attending Bishop's School in high school. They most enjoy serving others by helping with the youth and leading service trips. They are very excited about all the outdoor beauty and fun available near North Bend. June, 2017, Erik and Jenna promoted, organized, and led a mission trip to Guatemala with members of their former church, First Lutheran Church, Greensboro, NC. Mt. Si had 10 members go along on the mission trip.

Erik, Jennifer (Jenna), Toren, Kaiya Rhyne

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We have had a full and active 47+ years of marriage. North Bend is our 13<sup>th</sup> move. Before we met we had both spent a number of years in Spokane (Salk Jr. Hi) and then ended up in Seattle for High School. After graduating from different schools in North Seattle (Shorecrest and Shoreline), Jeff went to Vietnam. Upon returning we were married. Jeff graduated from PLU and had a career in the Insurance Industry in Claims. Cathy's career was as a homemaker caring for our children and a Brailist, certified by the Library of Congress for Nemeth braille language for Math and Science. We have lived on both the West and East coasts. In each of our moves being an active participant in our local Lutheran Church was a cornerstone of our family life.

**Jeff and Cathy Yocom**

Jeff and Cathy Yocom  
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 jeff@yocom.org cathy@yocom.org



We moved to Washington from Texas in the summer of 2015 with our two children (Sarah, 19 and Ethan, 15). Jeff currently works in IT and Deb is currently finishing up Homeschooling our son. (Sarah graduated in 2016 and attends Bellevue College). We met at Luther Seminary 25 years ago while attaining our M.Div degrees, leading to ordination. Deb has started the process to return to the ordained Ministry after a 15+ year break. We are very excited to be joining a great community like Mt. Si.

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**Jeff and Deb Mach**



We feel lucky to have moved to the Valley in 2012 and have Mt Si Lutheran as our home church. Kim grew up in Spokane and has lived on the eastside since 1986. Ernie grew up in Edmonds and has lived on the eastside since 1984. We have 2 children and 3 grandchildren that keep us smiling. For hobbies there is one where we spend most of our time – showing Great Danes all over the Northwest. We have a Dane “puppy” whose 11 months old and 120 lbs. She is the perfect companion to our miniature dachshund. When we’re not enjoying the kids and dogs we spend time traveling in our motorhome or flying to wonderful places to escape the Seattle rain.

**Ernie and Kim Pyle**

Ernie and Kim Pyle  
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**John and Cindy Altheide**

Cindy and John have lived in North Bend since May 1991. They will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary this May 7<sup>th</sup>. They do not have kids, but always have had dogs. Currently they have two dogs. Cindy has worked in mortgage banking for over 30 years. She is currently with Heritage Bank and serves on the board from the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. John has worked in the airlines and insurance industries. He is self-employed as an insurance appraiser/estimator. John is a volunteer Chaplain for Transport for Christ; a truck stop ministry. He serves on Wednesday nights in the chapel at the TA truck stop. We are looking forward to getting to know everyone.

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**Marlin Olson**

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**Bill and Enid Gast**

We have been married for 46 years. Both born on the east coast, we worked and raised our family in suburban Maryland. Enid is a retired teacher and Bill is retired from office administrative work. We moved to the Seattle area in late summer of 2016. Our daughter, Christina, and son, Jason, along with his wife Kerry, all live and work in the greater Seattle area.

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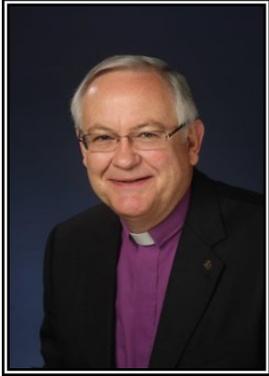
I grew up in Ohio, moved to the Seattle area in 1974. Raised Catholic but started attending Mt. Si Lutheran on a regular basis for the last couple years. Married Glenn Bliss and moved to his home town, North Bend, in 1985 where we raised our son. I have been a hairdresser for the last 49 years and now work out of my home. I enjoy Zumba, photo editing, and crafts in my spare time.

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# The Spirit

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## You Don't Have A Problem

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

During my formative years, my dad was the Executive Director for the Easter Seal Society of Washington. It no doubt shaped his values - and informed mine as well. Let's just say he knew - and introduced to me - a great number of people who whose physical and mental challenges were not always easy to cope with.

One such introduction was to Johnny Kemp - who was born without arms or legs. His parents were told he would be better off institutionalized. Dad convinced the Kemp family that Johnny could be fitted with artificial arms and legs and that he would do just fine. He became a life-long friend who went on to have a successful law firm - providing counsel to people with disabilities.

Then there was Harold Wilke - who was born without arms. I remember the first time he sat at our family dinner table. Smoothly operating his knife and fork with his feet, he removed any doubt that he could do anything. You should have seen him pick out the correct paper denominations from his wallet when paying for a purchase.

The stories go on, including my attendance at Easter Seal Camp with my dad where I witnessed kids my age readily do what I was unable to do given *all* my body parts.

This background is important to understand the wisdom that dad shared with me the first time I got a dent in my first car. I was devastated. A friend sat on the hood and left an impression equal to her size. My day was ruined. More like my whole week was ruined. There was also the time I had my car window broken and my eight-track player and tapes were stolen.

His response in both cases was the same, "Kirby if money can fix it, you don't have a problem."

My dad taught me so much about perspective. How do you weigh the things in life that matter? He taught me wisdom - "The patient sorting out of what choices lead to life and what choices lead to death."

You can only imagine what my own girls have gone through. The first time my girls dented their cars you can be sure what words came out of my mouth. They may not be words filled with great empathy, but they are words filled with great truth.

Life does present us with challenges that money can do nothing to fix. These are the challenges that really matter. These are the challenges that call us to place our faith in God.

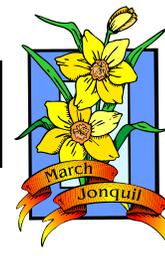
Johnny and Harold were both people of great faith. People who taught me that even when money can't fix what you are facing, *faith* can make all the difference in the world. Faith moves people from being victims to survivors - teaching all of us to see the challenges of life as opportunities to grow in faith and lean sharply into the direction of life. Let us lean into this life together, knowing that God is leading.

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2018 Synod Assembly? We will NOT be "assembling for business" in 2018. Instead, plan to invite folks from your congregation to attend one of two gatherings for fellowship, learning, and conversation: June 2 at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church (Bellevue) ... OR ... June 9 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Marysville).  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>MARCH 2018</h1> <h1>Mt. Si Lutheran</h1>						
				 <p>1 9:30AM Needle Art/ Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 11:30AM Monthly Birthday Lunch 4-5:30PM GS Troop #42902 6-8PM AA</p>	<p>2 (office closed)</p>	<p>3 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course</p>
<p><b>4 Third Sunday in Lent</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School / Coffee Hour Fellowship 10:45AM Praise Worship 11:45AM Usher Training by Tom Chase</p> 	<p>5 12:30PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6 9:30AM Quilters  6:15-7:45PM Boy Scout Den #5</p>	<p>7 <b>6PM Lenten Soup Supper</b></p>  <p><b>7PM Lenten Worship</b></p>	<p>8 9:30AM Needle Art/ Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course  6-8PM AA</p>	<p>9 Pastor Krista's <b>DAY OFF</b></p> <p>Turn clocks ahead one hour before bed</p> 	<p>10 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 10-11:30AM CCSG Chronic Conditions Support Group (Library)</p>
<p><b>11 Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour Fellowship 10:45AM Praise Worship</p>  <p><b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b></p>	<p>12 12:30PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>13 9:30AM Quilters  7PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>14 <b>6PM Lenten Soup Supper</b></p>  <p><b>7PM Lenten Worship</b></p>	<p>15 9:30AM Needle Art/ Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course  4-5:30PM GS Troop #42902  6-8PM AA</p>	<p>16 6PM Confirmation Overnight Retreat at Mt. Si Lutheran Church. Ends at 11AM Sat.</p> 	<p>17 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course Confirmation Retreat ends at 11</p> 
<p><b>18 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour Fellowship 10:45AM Praise Worship</p> 	<p>19 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  Newsletter Deadline <b>DEADLINE</b></p> 	<p>20 9:30AM Quilters  6:15-7:45PM Boy Scout Den #5</p>	<p>21 <b>6PM Lenten Soup Supper</b></p>  <p><b>7PM Lenten Worship</b></p>	<p>22 9:30AM Needle Art/ Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course  6-8PM AA</p>	<p>23 2:00-5:30PM Children, Youth, Family Easter Outreach Project</p> 	<p>24 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course <b>9:30AM Spring Clean-up and Yard Work</b> <b>Noon-2PM Communion Instruction</b></p>
<p><b>25 Palm Sunday</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship <b>9:35AM Easter Egg Hunt</b> 9:30-10:30AM Coffee Hour Fellowship 10:45AM Praise Worship</p> 	<p>26 12:30PM Women's Study</p>	<p>27 9:30AM Quilters</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6:30PM Maundy Thursday Worship at Snoqualmie United Methodist Church</p>  <p>6-8PM AA</p>	<p>30 <b>HOLIDAY</b> (office closed) 7PM Good Friday Worship at Mt. Si Lutheran Church</p>	<p>31 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course</p> 



# Flower Chart for the Altar



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Mar. 4	Judy Stoddard	In Loving Memory of the Williards
Mar. 11		
Mar. 18	Rick & Sheila Rodriguez	In Honor of their wedding anniversary
Mar. 25		



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2018**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

## Worship Assistants for March



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Mar. 4 Third Sunday in Lent	Mar. 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Mar. 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Mar. 25 Palm Sunday
Usher				
8:15AM	Mike Kober	Tom Chase	Mike Kober	Paul Ritzenthaler
8:15 Cantor/Music	Warren Wambsganss Dave Spurling	John Cassidy Dave Spurling	Jack Boller Dave Spurling	Andy Velebir Suzy Schuba
9:15AM	Sunday School & Coffee Hour Fellowship			Easter Egg Hunt
10:45AM	Mike Hanson Mark Imsland	Ed & Janey Benson	Mike Hanson Mark Imsland	Ed & Janey Benson
8:15AM Acolyte 10:45AM Acolyte	Addison Wambsganss Toren Rhyne	Addy Harding Kaiya Rhyne	Addison W. D. Davis	Kelsey Harding Kaelynn Sampson
Communion Assistants				
8:15AM	Inge Burnside	Courtney Adams	Deb Mach	Marlin Olson
10:45AM	Debbie Spurling	Suzy Cassidy	Debbie Spurling	Janey Benson
Lector				
8:15AM	Tom Burnside	Terry Adams	Jeff Mach	John Altheide
10:45AM	Ed Benson	Brenda Davis	Linda Velebir	Lisa Sampson
Offering Counters	John Keiser Dan Luke	Nancy Flanagan Terry Adams	Terry Adams Janey Benson	Ed Benson Nancy Flanagan

**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.**



# March Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Suzy Cassidy	1	Austin Hall	18
Hayden Imsland	9	Anja Yocom	19
Mark Imsland	9	Tiernan Collom	20
Sarah Mach	11	David VanHandel	20
Susan Olds	12	Jake Guenther	21
Gretchen Chase	13	Anne Keiser	24
Cassandra Koukol	14	Jeffrey King	31
Melissa Ann Lisk	14	Tammy Lilleberg	31
Betty Shardelman	16		



## Anniversaries!

Rick & Sheila Rodriguez	Mar. 22
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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 9:15-10:30.AM 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



### Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:15AM Traditional Worship
- 9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour
- 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School
- 9:45-10:30AM Submerge Teen Time
- 9:30-10:35AM Adult Christian Ed
- 10:45AM Praise Worship

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Jack Boller—Council President

Andy Velebir—Worship & Music

Dave Spurling & Suzy Schuba—8:15AM Accompanist

Sue Oster—Custodian

Jeff King—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

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

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