

Mt Si GOOD NEWSletter

NOVEMBER 2019

WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 3rd

Child and Youth led single
9:30am service

Recap of last three lessons

Nov. 10th

8:15am Worship

9:30am Coffee Hour

9:35am Sunday School

10:45am Worship

Nov. 17th

8:15am Worship

9:30am Coffee Hour

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10:45am Worship

Nov. 24th

8:15am Worship

9:30am Coffee Hour

9:35am Sunday School

10:45am Worship



Pastor's Note



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

Our Wednesday evening Study group, called Dinner and Faith, completed their study of Bonhoeffer's book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, and have moved on to study the Letter of James. One of the questions that keeps coming before our group is the balance between a disciple of Jesus' willingness to wrestle with the fact that faith in Jesus is not just an intellectual quandary and the truth of Jesus' invitation to active faith, visible and transformative. As we read through James we hear again and again the balance between the promise of Christ who has made us righteous before God because of his action, not ours and the balance of the Jesus' instruction to his followers to be servants, lover's of their enemies, and purposeful challengers of societies/humanities attempt to segregate people based on meaningless attributes. The texts we are reading are challenging and grounding at the same time.

You may be familiar with these two terms: Law & Gospel, but it doesn't hurt to refresh our memories. Lutheran preaching and teaching is rooted in the understanding that the Law/command/instructions of God/Jesus serve the primary purpose of

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reminding us that, on our own, we are unable to fulfill God's will for us. This in turn drives us to look to Jesus on the cross and, in that cross, witness the Gospel, the good news, that God will not judge us based on how well we fulfill the law and live up to God's will for us, but, instead, we hear Jesus proclaim us forgiven, righteous and holy because of his deep love that could not let us fail. We then hear another piece of the story when we witness Jesus gift the early followers the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul understands this gift to dwell in us. Martin Luther will understand the Holy Spirit to be the force in us that pushes us to act on Jesus' command to love for and care for your neighbor.

It is the constant question among God's faithful...what is it to live as Jesus intended. What is it to fulfill God's word (that is Jesus' word, for he is the incarnate Word...John 1). The important thing, to me, is that we don't spend all our time just thinking about it, but, we risk acting out our faith in bold ways through the working of the Spirit in us. There is work to do, not for our benefit, but for the benefit of our neighbors. As we enter this month of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks for Jesus and his gift of freedom to serve one another. Peace, P. K.



We are looking for hands to help feed our neighbors in need each fourth Wednesday of the month at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Our next day to serve is **November 20th** The food of the month we are collecting is:

Cranberry Sauce and Stuffing

UPCOMING
COUNCIL
EFFORTS TO
LOOK OUT FOR

Council What you need to know!



Mark your Calendars...November 3rd following our ONE worship service we will gather for our Budget Approval Meeting.



“SERVING—REACHING OUT—GROWING
IN GRACE”

As we move into the season of thanksgiving and gratefulness I am reflecting on the past last year. We have done amazing work in our community and congregation. We successfully replaced our rooves of our 70-year-old church buildings. We have provided the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank and Hot Meals friends with hundreds of pounds of life and soul providing nutrients. We’ve gathered twice this fall to do God’s work through our hands for the church but also during the Love Snoqualmie Valley event. We continue to share our love and prayers daily through many of our ministries. As we wrap up our 2019 year, we have done amazing work however, as we look forward to the future of our congregation and our positive impact of the community, we have some discernment and praying to do.

As of current we are running at about a \$20,000.00 deficit. While our spending is down slightly in our ministries our total regular expenses do not change. We will be looking at increasing our 2020 budget by about \$20,000.00. This increase is coming mostly due the minimum staff compensation recommendations and synod guidelines, plus the desire to hire a Lead Accompanist for both services. Much more information will be available at our annual Congregational Meeting November 3, 2019 following our children and youth lead one service Sunday at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Respectfully,
Council President
Erica Haycox

1. **Little Free Library** is painted and ready to go up! This should be happening in the next couple of weeks :)

2. **November 3rd**—Annual meeting Part One. We will vote on the budget for 2020 and new council members as well as hear some important updates!

2. **Sanctuary Ceiling** tiles are being investigated to see what we can replace them with or if we want to keep some up and remove others to create some better acoustics in our worship space. Anyone with ideas or who wants to help, please ask Pastor Krista

3. **Community Information Gathering** has begun! We want to hear from our neighbors...so, we’ve been asking them what they love about North Bend!

Children, Youth and Family Updates

Within my field of study for my M.Ed. and as an ED.D. candidate I have been pondering the pedagogy of fear and trust. My questions have been focusing on the dynamic of learning during fear and anxiety. I am finding this to be increasingly significant within our culture. We seem to be on the verge of a social PTSD or at the very least a critical loss or failure of emotional resiliency. Our faith-based community is called to be a light in the darkness! I want to give thanks for the ways we continue to create a safe place. This is evident in the ways we are supporting children in Sunday School, VBS, Kids Club, the Block Party, Farmers Market, Festival at Mt. Si, the Festival at Mt. Si Parade, Harvest Carnival, and Holy Days.

As we continue developing these activities and ministries, we will continue to explore how we are contributing to emotional resiliency, healthy boundaries, and positive development of children. Understanding human nature during dark times reveals how significant emotional resiliency is on the human psyche. We are more likely to need strength during the dark times and during these times our resiliency reveals our strength. We know that this strength comes from God and our spiritual fortitude which is a bridge between emotional resiliency and spiritual fortitude. Please continue to pray for our CYF ministry as it grows and evolves. As you do so consider your gifts and wisdom that could translate into blessings on our children.

CYF

Kids Club

Kids Club is on Fridays from 1:30–6PM. Kids K-5th grade gather at the church for games, crafts, snacks, service projects, and fellowship. We will be opening registration to a few more kids who are interested in attending. Our fall session has been a great success with 11-15 kids regularly attending which has been supported by a fantastic group of volunteers including Jack, Janey, Ed, Pastor Krista, Leslie and Ambur! Erica and I have been thrilled to work with the kids and volunteers. In the next couple of weeks, we will be meeting to further develop our plans for the winter session. If you have ideas please feel free to bring them forward to us. Our hope is to create a rotation of volunteers along with maintaining the volunteer base we already have. As we develop more organization around our volunteers we will be taking into consideration roles such as leaders, support, craft teachers, field trip support, and snack and activity coordinators. Each role has a range of commitments from an hour to multiple full sessions. A great way to start is to connect with John or Erica about volunteering then request a background check from the office.

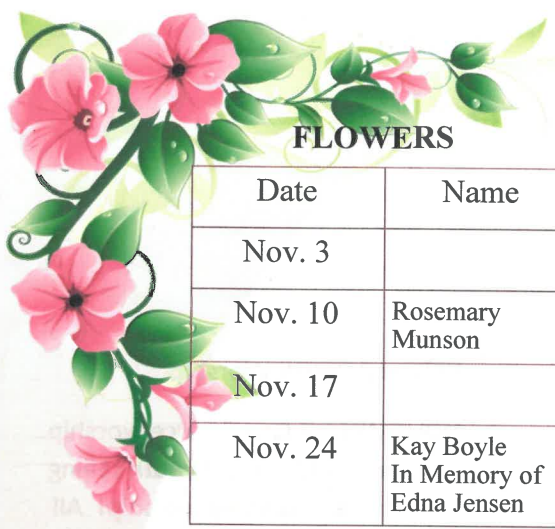


Kids and Youth Worship

NOVEMBER 3 One Service worship with our children and youth telling the story and leading worship! All children and youth are welcome to participate and help with the service. This is a great partnership between Christian Education, CYF ministry, and the Worship team. This is an ideal opportunity for everyone to gather around the themes we have been studying in Sunday School and to encourage and support both the kids and youth as they explore leadership and ways to be more connected with worship.

Everything Apples

NOVEMBER 10 Everything Apples / 12pm-3pm / Event Cost: \$10. This year we will be using this event as a fundraiser for Kids Club! Proceeds will help off set the cost of Kids Club. The cost of the event will include a light lunch and samples of the products we create such as cider, apple juice, apple sauce, pie, etc.... The apples will be purchased from Manson Growers Coop, pricing will fluctuate depending on the market. Typically a box weighs about 42lbs and range in price from \$12-\$20.



FLOWERS

Date	Name
Nov. 3	
Nov. 10	Rosemary Munson
Nov. 17	
Nov. 24	Kay Boyle In Memory of Edna Jensen

Worship Assistants

Dater	Ushers	Lector	Communion	Acolyte
Nov. 3 9:30am	Dana Koukol & Family	Children & Youth	Marlin O	CYF
Nov. 10 8:15am	Jack B/Rick R	Tom B	Inge B	
Nov. 10 10:45am	Ed B/Bill S	Suzy C	Janey B	
Nov. 17 8:15am	David V/ Tom C	Peggy H	Kay B	
Nov 17 10:45am	Mike H/David W	Lorriane W	Rosemary H	
Nov 24 8:15am	Mike K/David V	Terry A	Courtney A	
Nov. 24 10:45am	Mark I/Ed B	Brenda D	Janey B	Davis kiddos

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 3rd Children and Youth Led Worship @ 9:30am

Texts—re-cap of last three lessons

Nov. 10th—David is Chosen

First: Eph. 1:11-23

Gospel: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Nov. 17th—King Solomon

First: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: 1 Kings 6

Nov, 24th—Queen Esther

First: Mark 10:35-45

Gospel: Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-16;8:1-17

Our Theme for November:

Servant Leadership

Events in November and December



Carnival Fundraiser for Trinidad and Tobago November 16th, 6pm

Come join us for an evening of everything Caribbean Carnival!

- Authentic tasty dishes
- Mini auction
- Music
- Dancing
- Fellowship

This is our big fundraiser for the mission trip. We are asking a \$15 per person suggested donation for the event. Thank you for your support!



Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch Everything Evergreen

December 7th, 10am-12pm

Tonya Guinn from Trail Youth will be speaking

Ornament exchange

Raffle for this beautiful Christmas quilt by Sue Oster

↓ Sneak peek ↓



Please bring a brunch item to share

November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			6:30pm Dinner & Faith	9:30am Needle Art Fellowship	1 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	2 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
3 9:30am Single Children and Youth Led Worship Annual Meeting Part 1 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Mission Trip Meeting	4 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	5 9:30am Quilting	6 6-8pm BSA #456 6pm Mission Trip Meeting 6:30pm Dinner & Faith	7 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 11:30am BDay Luncheon 4pm Girl Scouts 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA 7pm Thirsty for Theology	8 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	9 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
10 8:15am Worship 9:30am Education and Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 12-3pm EVERYTHING APPLES! 6pm Bell Choir	11 12:30pm Women's Bible Study Veterans Day	12 9:30am Quilting 7pm Council Meeting	13 6-8pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner and Faith	14 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 4pm Girl Scouts 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	15 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	16 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride 6pm Caribbean Carnival Fund-raiser Festival!
17 8:15am Worship 9:30am Education and Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 6pm Bell Choir	18 12:30pm Women's Bible Study 6-9pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting	19 9:30am Quilting 7pm PE Meeting Last day to turn in items for the FUNdraiser!	20 9-12 serve at SVFB 6-8pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner and Faith	21 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	22 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	23 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
24 8:15am Worship 9:30am Education and Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 6pm Bell Choir	25 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	26 9:30am Quilting 6pm Women's Ministry	27 6:00pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner and Faith	28  HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Office Closed 6pm-8pm AAA	29 Office Closed No Kid's Club	30

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Barbara Touchette	Nov. 1	Bert Sieverston	Nov. 20
Terry Adams	Nov. 7	Lindsey Cassidy	Nov. 23
Joanne Chase	Nov. 7	Andy Velebir	Nov. 29
Sheila Rodriguez	Nov. 11		
Jason King	Nov 15		
Charles Lynch	Nov. 17		
Anna Abrahamson	Nov. 18		



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We turn to serve and love our neighbor

I share two stories that I heard in the last two weeks. The first story I heard was from Pastor Ron Glusenkamp from a trip he took to Senegal with other ELCA folks: We landed in Dakar, Senegal where the people are 95% Muslim and the other 5% are Christian or something else. Our group traveled to a small village to visit a Lutheran health center that is funded by ELCA World Hunger. When we arrived, we met ten guests who were living there. They all were HIV positive and all had been banned from their homes and so lived together with about a hundred others at this Lutheran health center. When we asked the group how they were doing, one of the women spoke. She spoke in her own dialect that was translated to English. She spoke eloquently and simply. She said, "If it wasn't for this Lutheran clinic, I would be dead." The second story I heard while attending the Conference of Bishops in Chicago. There we heard of Lutheran owned and operated Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. The United States government had voted to continue funding this important medical

center but for some reason they are not releasing the money. This is putting people at risk. Chemotherapy is not able to be administered. Surgeries are unable to be performed. Children, especially, are dying. While this is a complex issue, the stories we heard compelled Presiding Bishop Eaton to write a letter to the administration. She and all 65 bishops signed this letter requesting the United States government to restore the millions of dollars in funding promised to Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem that primarily serves Palestinian Christians. This hospital, owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation and is supported by the ELCA, is vital as it is the only medical center there. (Read the letter here: www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8009) In the first story above, I don't know what happened to this woman or the other people gathered that day in Senegal. I hope all of them are still living and still receiving care. In the second instance, I do know that many of the people treated at AVH are Christian Palestinians whose only access to healthcare is through AVH. And I do know this: As people of God, we hold all people sacred. As people who believe in the priesthood of all believers, we know that the staff and volunteers at these health centers are doing holy work. As people who believe in Jesus, we know that Jesus is in the midst of those that others have

rejected. As people of the cross, we know that in the midst of suffering, Jesus is there. You see, as Lutherans, we take seriously what justification by grace alone means: Salvation is not the process or goal of life but rather its foundation. Because we are claimed by God through no merit of our own, we are free to live and love and serve our neighbor—whether it is the neighbor next door or the neighbor in Senegal or Jerusalem. Way back in the sixteenth century, Martin Luther wrote about establishing a common chest for the sake of the poor in the city of Leisnig, "Those individuals in our parish ... who are impoverished ... shall receive each week on Sunday ... support from our common chest ... This is to be done out of Christian love, to the honor and praise of God, so that their lives and health may be preserved." (LW, 45:189) I read Martin Luther's words and they remind me that we are called out into the world—not because we have to but because of what God has claimed for us. I am so thankful that as we remember the Reformation on October 31 we continue in the footsteps of Martin Luther and the other reformers: Trusting in God's grace through Jesus, we turn to serve and love our neighbor—whatever or wherever that neighbor is. Thank you for the love and care you are showing to your neighbors—both near and far—as we see the face of Jesus in all.

In God's Peace and Joy, Bishop Shelley Bryan We e



Children and Adult Education

Sunday School Update! SPARK!

We are really enjoying our All Kids Spark Curriculum! We love singing and praising God with some new and familiar songs! And it's really fun to share those later with the adult during the combined worship service! The continuity of exploring the same lessons as we learn in church and with the adults is helping us all learn and remember important Bible truths applying them to our lives!

Please join us November 3rd with One Worship service at 9:30 with the youth leading much of the service. (Those participating should arrive 15 minutes earlier.) The theme is "Thanksgiving and Abundance" Kids will be sharing what they learned the past weeks during Sunday school and Pastor Krista will take some time to explain communion to us all! Congregational Meeting & fellowship to follow!

Come join us in Sunday School in November as our theme is "Servant Leadership"

November 10th King David was chosen to be king of Israel God sees people's hearts.

November 17th King Solomon wanted to build a special place for God. God's helped built the temple.

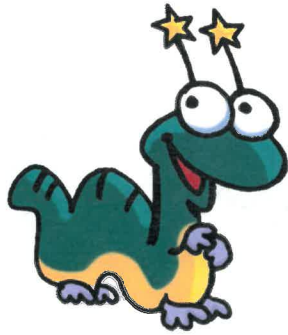
November 24th The story of Queen Esther. God will work through all kinds of people.

December 3rd One service / Advent Festival to Follow! The Names of Jesus!

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

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





Upcoming FALL Events

Congratulations Haycox Family on 1st prize with Trunk or Treat!

November 3rd— Annual Meeting Part

Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting: Part One on November 3rd following worship at 9:30am. At this meeting we will approve the budget, vote on our new council members and continue to discuss the future of our congregation!

~November 10th—
Everything Apples 12-3pm
Contact John Grebe for more information

~November 16th—
Carnival Fundraiser for
Trinidad and Tobago

~November 20th—Serving
at the Food bank 9am-
12pm

~December 1st—Advent
Festival

~December 6th—Holy
Days in downtown North
Bend

~December 7th— Women's
Christmas Brunch



We are still collecting gently used clothes, books and certain household items. Check out the poster in the Fellowship Hall of items we can and canNOT accept.

*Sunday Nov. 17th after first service and second service there will be time set aside to do a "pick through". This not a rummage sale or put out there for the public. This is an opportunity to see if there is anything you would like to have and make a donation for that/those items

Congratulations to the Keisers for receiving 1st place in the Chili Cook-Off!

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.



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