

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

NOVEMBER 2013

Special Points of Interest:

- Nov. 3rd—Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 7PM Wednesday Worship
- Nov. 24th—New Member Sunday & Congregational Meeting at Noon
- Nov. 28th & 29th—Happy Thanksgiving (offices closed)



December 1, 2013
Only one worship
service at 9AM

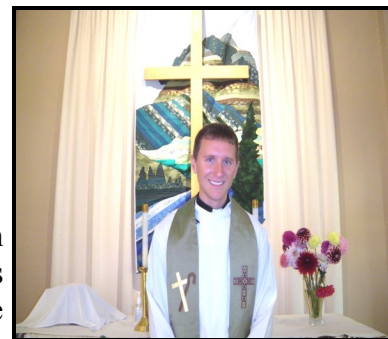
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From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

Give Thanks!

It seems every November my temptation is to write an article about the horror of seeing Christmas decorations in the big box stores. It does seem a little bizarre to see plastic Christmas trees up before Halloween, let alone Thanksgiving. But tempting as it may be to critique the culture around us, fact is it's not new or even that interesting. In fact getting caught up in the critique might be just as distracting as the practice we are criticizing. A more interesting thought, is what are we doing to celebrate the season with practices and patterns that feel more authentic?



Thanksgiving, while not technically a religious holiday, is a wonderful time to practice gratefulness. It's a great time to look to all the things in your life you're grateful for. A time to reflect on all the relationships you have and how much better your life is because of them. Think about all the ways God has blessed your life. This is not always the way we see our lives—through the lens of gratefulness. That's why we call it a practice. Sometimes we have to practice this kind of thing. We have to practice seeing the things in our lives with the lens of gratefulness when so often it so easy to take them for granted. In the blur of Halloween, the costumes and candy, the turkeys and pre-Christmas furry—remember to practice gratefulness.

In the midst of the next several weeks the world will ramp up into a fervor pitch with commercialized Christmas campaigns. It's tempting to either get caught up in the drama of it all or become obsessed with being disgusted by it all. What if there is a third way—what if we lose the noise & everything else and remember to prepare our hearts for the coming of the savior. Advent is the season of preparation. We look to God and re-enter the drama of waiting for a savior. We examine the places in our lives where a savior needs to break through. I think we can let this season be powerful, let it be a time God can grab a hold of our hearts and change us.

The world sometimes feels like a crazy place. But we don't have to let the crazy consume our lives. We can be different, we can let God's rhythms rule our lives rather than the patterns the culture around us would foist on us. Living by God's rhythms might just be a powerful witness to a world that seems to go bonkers this time of year. We might invite our friends and neighbors to join us and share God's grace with them.



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”.

GIVING THANKS

In a few short weeks, we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. What comes to mind when you think about that day? Most of us probably think about the tables piled high with delicious food. Maybe we reflect on family traditions, or gathering with family members we haven't seen in a while. Most of the women are probably already preparing for the work that the day brings.

How much time do we spend thinking about God in the midst of our preparations? How much energy do we put into *truly appreciating* all the gifts God has given us, and then expressing our *profound gratitude* to our Lord and Savior? Do we even honestly *acknowledge* that everything we have is a gift from God, not just a result of our own efforts? Webster's Dictionary defines *thanksgiving* as “an act of expressing gratitude, especially to God”. In addition to gratitude, Roget's Thesaurus offers several synonyms for thanksgiving including: *acknowledgement, recognition, appreciation, indebtedness and under obligation*. Let's take a quick look at what Scripture has to say about “giving thanks”.

To whom do we give or thanks and praise? We give our thanks to God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)—the Creator of the universe, our loving Shepherd, Redeemer, Savior, and Lord.

Why do we give thanks to God? First of all, because God deserves our thanks and praise. “*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving...For the Lord is a great God*” (Ps. 95:2-3, see Ps. 63 and 136). Second, we were created for that purpose. “*The people, whom I formed for myself, will declare my praise*” (Is. 43:21). Third, we are commanded to give thanks. “*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving*” (Ps. 50:14). In Phil. 4:6, we are also encouraged to bring all of our concerns to God with thanksgiving. Fourth, it is good for us, and for our relationship with God. Psalm 92:1-2 states, “*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praise to thy name, O Most High; to declare thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night*”. Finally Jesus provided us an example to follow when he gave thanks to his Father in Heaven (See Matt. 11:25, 26:27; John 6:11, 11:41).

For what do we give thanks? In a word, everything! “*In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*” (1 Thess. 5:18). Ephesians 5:20 confirms that we are to be “*always giving thanks in all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father*”. We thank God for who we are, all that we have, and for every gift, blessing and challenge in our lives.

What happens when we give thanks? First, we bring honor and glory to God. Just like a loving parent, it gives God joy when we children recognize and acknowledge what we have received, and show our gratitude for it. Second, giving thanks to God helps us take our eyes off ourselves and our own glory, and place them where they belong—on God. Third, it makes us feel good when we acknowledge all that God has done for us. Finally, we are strengthened in our faith, and blessed by God (See Ps. 1:1-3, 92:12-15).

This Thanksgiving (and always), let's make a point to recognize and acknowledge our indebtedness to God. Then let's respond by expressing our sincere appreciation and profound gratitude for all that we have received!
Thanks be to God!



Wednesday Evening Worship at 7PM

**This is a contemporary, contemplative worship with Holy Communion.
Join us and see what all the enthusiasm is about!**

Parish Education News!

Our new Sunday School season is in full swing. Come check us out! We have classes for ages 3-103, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs! Check the schedule below:

***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 2013-2014 School Year:

Opening Music—Earl Wildes

Preschool & Kindergarten—Rosemary Hanson/Nancy Flanagan

1st & 2nd grade—Debbie Jones

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

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

Teen Time—Dana Koukol

Adult Education Hour—Pastor Mark/Sue Shardelman

Lutheran World Relief “Fill the Well” Campaign

The Sunday School offering from Sept.-June 2013 was designated to the “Fill the Well” Campaign. LWR is working to bring clean water to communities all over the world and ensuring they have the life-sustaining water they need now and well into the future. We are happy to share that we raised **\$659.18** for this important effort.

Adult Education

This fall the adult class is continuing our conversation about the future of the Church. Pastor is currently walking us through the Book of Acts to review the formation of the early Church, and help us draw principles for the Church going forward. He will also be sharing topics for discussion from his Doctor of Ministry program. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the library for lively conversation & fellowship. We meet at **9:45 am**.

Upcoming Events

Operation Christmas Child—The collection deadline will be **November 17th**.

Advent Festival—Sunday morning, December 1st. See details below

Calendar Dates To Be Aware Of—There will be no Sunday School classes on **December 1, 22 & 29** due to holidays.

Help Needed!

Advent Festival: We need several people to step forward and help this year. We would like to have people commit to being in charge of one area each. The areas needed are: Advent wreaths, food, crafts, decorating of the church and tree, and maybe an activity.

Christmas Program: We also would like to be able to have the children sing 2 or 3 songs during the worship services December 15 or 22. However, we need someone to step forward and organize this—select songs, get the kids excited, help them practice during their Sunday School opening, etc.

VBS: We need leaders for next year. Please pray about taking on this project.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact Courtney Adams, Joanne Chase, or Sue Shardelman as soon as possible. Thanks.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas is all about giving. Once again, our church is providing you with an opportunity to share Jesus Christ with a needy child through

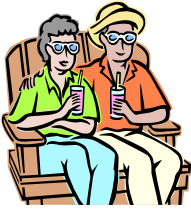
Operation Christmas Child. This program brings joy and happiness to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love.

This year Mt. Si's collection deadline is **Nov. 17th**. Informational brochures are available in the Fellowship Hall. Sample boxes will also be on display. Questions? Call Joanne Chase at 888-3170. If you need a shoe box, please look under the display table.



**Sunday, Dec. 1st only
one service at 9AM
followed by Family
Advent Festival from
10AM-Noon.** Come

make crafts, help decorate the church, and make your family Advent wreath. All ages will have plenty to do. It will be a church-wide family event, and we hope everyone will participate. Don't miss it!



Senior Fellowship—Please check the December newsletter for our next get-together. If you have any suggestions for Senior Fellowship activities or programs, please call Joyce Ayers at 425 865-9853 or Genada Lynn at 425 292-3124.



The Mount Si Helping Hands Food Bank—November's "food of the month" is cake/brownie mixes & stuffing.. 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.



LIBRARY NEWS—Please see the display table in the library for books and DVD's about Martin Luther. Also check out the book cart for FREE books you may want. If you have questions or would like to volunteer in our library, please speak with Connie Som 425 888-0727, Joyce Ayers 425 865-9853 or Sue Oster 425 888-4056.



Meals Needed: Here is a link for sign up to bring meals. <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=MUNY4143> The winter shelter opens at North Bend Community Church on Nov. 15, 2013 and meal service through the winter shelter will begin. I was hoping your youth groups, small groups and individuals at your church would consider signing up for a meal. Please keep this program in your prayers as it is impacting people lives through the love of Christ. Thanks for all that you do for our community. In Him, Michelle Walter



Fill Bowl = Fight Hunger LET'S MAKE SOME CHANGE Rice Bowls provides much-needed meals to great kids around the world through partnerships with Christian orphanages in 8 countries. Please pick up 1 or more rice bowls in the Fellowship Hall and we will collect the filled bowls on the **First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 1st.** Come and join us at the Advent Festival as we break open the rice bowls and combine the change we have collected over the past month and a half.



A PLU Christmas - Hallelujah! Seattle - Benaroya Hall Wednesday, December 4, 7:30pm— Pacific Lutheran University's inspirational Christmas concerts return this year with performances in Seattle's Benaroya Hall, in the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland and on the PLU campus in Lagerquist Concert Hall. The program features the Choir of the West, University Chorale and members of the University Symphony Orchestra performing hymns, carols and a choral orchestral masterwork, all in the great tradition of Lutheran choral music.



Corner of Love invites you to their 7th Annual Winter Dreams Dinner Auction on Friday, November 22nd at Seattle Renaissance Hotel. Come and enjoy a festive evening in Downtown Seattle with friends and items to bid on, plus chances to support Corner of Love's growing mission to impoverished people in North Nicaragua.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Friday, November 22, 2013 Time: 6:30PM

Place: [Seattle Renaissance Hotel](#), 515 Madison St., Seattle, WA 98104

Auction Chair: vance@corneroflove.org

Questions: 425.432.0433 or info@corneroflove.org

Event Goal: \$115,000

Online Bidding: Handbid.com

This year Corner of Love's auction items will be featured in an online auction using Handbid.com. To get ready to bid, download the Handbid app on your smart phone or visit their site using your tablet or PC. Our auction will be live for bidding around Nov. 10th.

NOTE: Mt. Si Lutheran Quilting Ministry donated a beautiful handmade quilt for the auction on Nov. 22 for Corner of Love Winter Dreams fundraiser. (see pg. 10)

Meet your 2013 Council Members

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Submitted by John Cassidy, Church Council President

Blessings and Peace to all!

With fall in full swing it is a reminder for me that the changing of the seasons is not unlike the changes we might go through in our own lives. Even structures so simple as cells are born, are nurtured, live in the glory, die and are reborn. Change is all around us. I think as Christians that is what drives us. We are called to be agents of change---there is always someone who has lost a silver coin; a shepherd who has noticed that one of his sheep has wandered off. We are called to help find the lost and restore them to our rightful place.

Just a few items this month: First, we are quietly gathering some candidates for our vacant Family and Youth Director position. As soon as we narrow the field we'll have an opportunity for the congregation to meet our prospective candidates. Council will seek your thoughts about your interactions with them. No timeline has been established yet but we are making progress.

We have our annual congregational meeting coming up on November 24th at Noon. The primary items up for vote:

- * 2014 operating budget
- * 2 council seats
- * Return of the winter shelter for the homeless

Stewardship and Finance is working feverishly to get budget proposals ready for congregational preview. There won't be much time but there will be at least a week to review. Copies of the budget proposal will be available soon.

Hear His calling: your church needs you! We have two open seats for 2014. Please prayerfully consider serving in this capacity. If there is someone who you think would be an excellent choice to fill one of the spots please let Pastor Mark know.

Finally, the chilly mornings are a reminder that there are many who are sleeping outside and will soon need a warm place to sleep. Your council will seek your approval to once again use the church as a winter shelter. We will have a handout with more information on the shelter available soon.

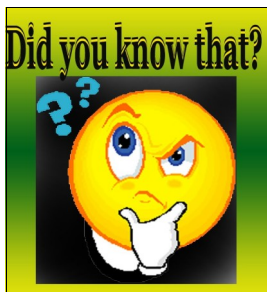
1 Corinthians 1:10

10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

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.



November 24, 2013
Congregational
Meeting at Noon



Mount Si Lutheran Church's Rich History Trivia

*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.*

- **January 1990** Committee formed to plan for access modifications to church facilities.
- **April 1992** Elevator installed in church and upstairs bathrooms made accessible.
- **July 1992** Front steps of church reformed, handicapped parking pads and additional sidewalks installed.
- **April 1993** Access modifications done on bathrooms in fellowship building.
- **May 8, 1993** Mission statement written.
- **October 9, 1993** Vision emphasis developed.
- **November 1995** Congregation votes to allow Pastor Anderson to move out of parsonage and purchase his own home. Started renting out the parsonage in summer of 1996.
- **June 1999** 50th Anniversary Celebration.
- **September 2000** Rev. Peter Anderson Retires and Congregation continues to prepare for new pastor. Congregation uses ELCA Pastor decision process.
- **October 2000-February 28, 2002** Rev. Mikkel Hustad installed as Interim Pastor.
- **March 1, 2002** Rev. Paul Hermansen begins his ministry at Mount Si Lutheran
- **March 23, 2002** Installed Pastor Paul at Mount Si Lutheran
- **April 4, 2008** Pastor Paul Hermansen leaves Mount Si to accept call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Centralia, WA
- **April 13, 2008** Rev. Tim Wolbrecht is installed as Interim Pastor at Mount Si Lutheran
- **August 10, 2008** The church steeple was successfully, and safely removed due to continued leaking issue with the roof/ceiling in Narthex. Upon inspecting the steeple once it was on the ground, it was quickly determined that it was no longer structurally sound. The cross was salvaged for a new location at Mount Si Lutheran Church.
- **August 30, 2009** Pastor Tim's last Sunday at Mount Si Lutheran as Interim Pastor.

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 has begun the Book of Hebrews. 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.



Mt. Si Women of Christ Christmas Brunch will be Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013 from 10:30AM-12:30PM in the church Fellowship Hall. All women and young women are invited to attend. Bring a friend along.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

On Sunday, Nov. 24th, we will welcome into membership individuals and families who recently attended classes with Pastor Mark. Please join us for a special coffee hour reception in their honor between services.



Mt. Si wishes to say Thank You to Girl Scout Troops #42385 & #42506 for the recent donation of several hand soap dispensers and paper towels.

Thought You'd Like to Know...



A brief history of Calvary Lutheran Church, Ballard Taken from the book "New Partners, Old Roots" A history of merging Lutheran Churches in the Pacific Northwest

In 1902 three groups of Icelandic people in Seattle joined together to form Hallgrim's Congregation. The three included some who were Unitarian in theology, some who were called "Lutheran Free", and some who were of the more traditional Lutheran heritage. They had no regular minister or place of worship, but held services in various places using the Lutheran order from the Church of Iceland.

Hallgrim's Congregation was formerly organized as a part of the Icelandic Synod in 1925, though at time, most of the "Free" and Unitarian groups had separated. The congregation was served by a student from Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Seattle until they could afford to hire their first minister.

A building known as Calvary Methodist Church was available for purchase in the 1940's. The name "Calvary" continued in the community, so Hallgrim's Congregation became Calvary Lutheran Church.

In 1964 a new structure was erected on the same site and the congregation joined the Lutheran Church in America, Pacific Northwest Synod. The congregation continued to grow and included persons from other heritages, while retaining their rich Icelandic flavor.

As the older members died and their children moved to the suburbs, membership dwindled. After numerous discussions and prayer, the Calvary congregation felt the need to merge with another church. They approached Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, just a few blocks to the north. This began a period of discernment for both churches. Soon the people of Calvary started worshipping with the Our Redeemer congregation and in the spring of 2008, the merger of Calvary into the Our Redeemer's Congregation took place.

The Calvary property was a part of the merger and it was decided to try to sell the property to another church. A realtor specializing in selling church buildings was hired for the job. After more than two years, and with no offers from a church, the Calvary property was sold to a developer. The beautiful Baptism window at the back of the church was saved and is in storage. **The steeple was removed and now proudly sits on top of Mount Si Lutheran Church in North Bend, Washington.** The large cross behind the altar and the lamb from the altar were also saved. The developer who purchased the building had plans to salvage much of the building materials and build four homes on the property.

NOTE: The seven children of Hannes & Stina Kristjanson donated the money for the steeple at the time the church was built in 1964. Nancy Kristjanson (seen in photo below) is the widow of Valdimar, aka Valdy, one of the 7 children.

If anyone is interested, there is an Icelandic room at the Nordic Heritage Museum, in which there is information about the church in early times.



Left to right: Lanny Turay, Nancy Kristjanson, Janet & Ed Woodfield

To the members of Mt. Si Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for inviting us to the Steeple Celebration, we felt very welcome and truly enjoyed ourselves. It was wonderful to see the steeple from Calvary Lutheran Church proudly perched high upon Mt. Si Lutheran Church as a beacon for those who are lost. We are pleased that you spent the time and money to rescue the steeple so that a tiny bit of our beloved church building will continue to welcome everyone into God's house.

The video brought tears to our eyes, it was beautiful. Would it be possible to get a copy so that we could share it with others at Our Redeemer's Lutheran?

Again, thank you for extending an invitation to the Steeple Celebration, it was beyond our expectations.

Ed and Janet Woodfield

Members of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
Former members of Calvary Lutheran Church



Original steeple 1951-2008

Phases of the steeple...



No steeple 2008-2013



New steeple Aug. 2013

Steeple Dedication & Celebration Sept. 29, 2013





The Spirit

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

Eyes to See

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

One of the great gifts in serving the office of bishop is the opportunity to be invited to see the many expressions of the ELCA here in the Northwest and throughout the country. The learning curve has been extremely steep and the work very demanding. What balances this is the inspiration and joy that I experience in getting to learn from so many of you.

I am seeing a church that is experiencing great vitality in these many expressions. We have passionate, gifted lay and rostered people who love this church and who serve it well.

I am eager to share my joy with you because I believe for too long we have been looking at the church and only noticing where it is in conflict or in decline. It is true we have ministries that are experiencing painful brokenness and ruptured trust. It is true that dollars have been tough to come by and attendance waning. Perhaps the institution is in decline but the presence of the spirit and the working of the body of Christ is very much alive.

What we are experiencing reminds me of the feeding of the 4,000 in Mark. The crowds had been following Jesus and they were weary. Looking out at the landscape of that moment it appeared bleak and surely not enough resources to respond to the hunger.

Jesus asks the disciples to make available what it is that they had - a few loaves and fishes. He then divided the offerings and proceeded to feed the entire crowd with leftovers to spare. The disciples then cross over to other side with Jesus and he warns them to be mindful of the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod. I suggest to you this is the yeast of scarcity. They wondered if Jesus warned them because they had no bread. Jesus asked them, "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see and understand?" He then goes on to remind them of how they had witnessed the feeding of the four thousand and the five thousand.

When we focus on what we think is the scarcity of our situation we fail to see the great capacity that we have to meet the needs of a hungry world. I invite you in whatever context you are doing ministry to open your eyes and ears to see and hear where feeding is taking place. Where is there life? Where is their excitement?

May our joy be restored as we begin to see anew what is so right with the Church. All of this made possible by a generous God of grace.

Synod Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Staff:

Rev Kirby Unti, Bishop

Rev Kathryn Buffum, Assistant to the Bishop

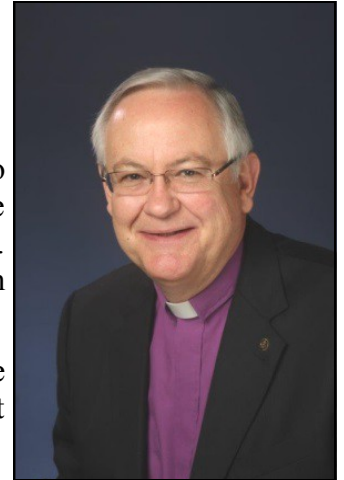
Rev Jerry Buss, Assistant to the Bishop &

Director for Evangelical Mission

Rev Nancy Winder, Assistant to the Bishop

Margaret Spatafore, Synod Office Administrator

Susan Berg, Synod Relations Administrator



All Rostered Leaders - November 14th 8am - 3pm
Fall Bishop's Convocation: Dishing Up Grace
at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue
Register online.

F.Y.I.

Bible Verses for Thanksgiving

Here are a few Bible verses to assist you in giving thanks and praise at Thanksgiving time or anytime throughout the year.

Psalm 95:1-6 (KJV)

"O come, let us sing unto the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker."

Psalm 100 (KJV)

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

Psalm 107:1 (NIV)

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."












1 Thessalonians 5:18

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."



Beautiful handmade quilt donated to Corner of Love Winter of Dreams Dinner & Auction.

In photo: Laura Ritzenthaler, Pat Palmer, Barbara Touchette & Nancy Anderson. Not in photo but part of Quilting Ministry: Kay Boyle, Jane Benson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Mt. Si Lutheran						
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3 All Saints Sunday 8:15 Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	5 9:30AM Quilters	6 6:30-7:30PM CS Den #4 7:00PM Wednesday Worship with Communion 	7 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 4-5:30PM GS #42488 4:30-6:30PM Girl's Choir Practice 7PM AA	8 12:45-2:45PM GS #42506	9 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 2-4PM Teen Closet 
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17 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship 6-8PM Cub Scouts Den #1	18 12:30PM Women's Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	19 9:30AM Quilters 6:30PM Evangelism Meeting 7PM Council Meeting	20 6:30-7:30PM CS Den #4 7:00PM Wednesday Worship with Communion 	21 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 4-5:30PM GS #42488 4:30-6:30PM Girl's Choir Practice 7PM AA	22 12:45-2:45PM GS #42506	23 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
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Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Nov. 3		
Nov. 10	Rodriguez Family	In Honor of Veterans' Day
Nov. 17		
Nov. 24	Kay Boyle	In Loving Memory of Edna Jensen



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2013**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

Worship Assistants for November



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Nov. 3 All Saints Sunday	Nov. 10 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Nov. 17 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Nov. 24 Christ the King Sunday/ New Member Sunday
Usher				
8:15AM	Mike Kober Herman Schlaht	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Tom & Connie Som	Bert Sievertson Herman Schlaht
9:30AM	Sunday School & Coffee Hour Fellowship			
10:45AM	Ed & Jane Benson	Mark Imsland Mike Hanson	Bob Bartlett Tom Chase	Mark Imsland Mike Hanson
Counters	Ed Benson	Courtney Adams	Bob Bartlett Lee Prewitt	Rick Rodriguez
Communion Assistants				
8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Paula Hower	Dave Franson	Rick Rodriguez
10:45AM	Debbie Spurling	Rosemary Hanson	Joanne Chase	Rosemary Hanson
Lector				
8:15AM	Terry Adams	Tom Burnside	Suzie Franson	Sue Shardelman
10:45AM	Linda Velebir	Ed Benson	Joan Guenther	Suzy Cassidy

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.



November Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Barbara Touchette	1	Paul Riley	15
Terry Adams	7	Katie Luna	16
Joanne Chase	7	Charles Lynch	17
Linda Luke	7	Bert Sievertson	20
Sheila Rodriguez	11	Mark Griffith	25
Tom Lee	13	Andy Velebir	29
Jace Lee	15		



Anniversaries!

Curtis and Genada Lynn

Nov. 24



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. 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.

Hospitality Coffee Hour Fellowship and Worship Assistants



We like to encourage a combined fellowship/coffee hour between services in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30. 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 sofficka@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 Service

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:30-10:30AM Sunday School

9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed

10:45AM Praise Service

Fifth Sunday of the Month will be Healing Sunday

7:00PM Wednesday Evening Worship w/Holy Communion



Pastor Mark Griffith

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

additional office coverage may vary

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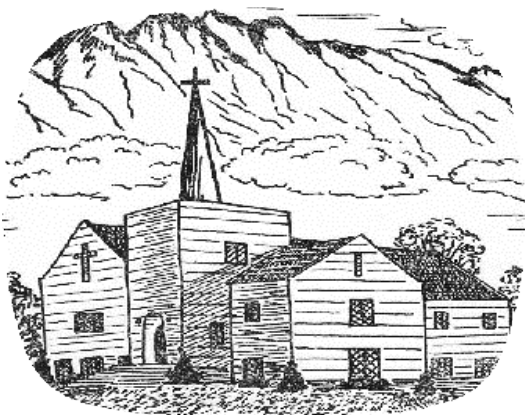
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