

Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

July/August 2017

Special Points of Interest:

- July 4th—Holiday (office closed)
- July 9th—10:15AM Parsonage Forum
- July 13th—1-4PM Summer Family Fun Day
- July 16th—Commissioning of Mission Trip Team and Blessings and Farewell Reception for Bob and Ann Bartlett
- July 27th—1-4PM Summer Family Fun Day
- Aug. 6th-10th—6-8PM V.B.S.
- Aug. 14th—10AM-Noon Fill backpacks with supplies



9:00AM One Worship

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From Pastor Larry's Desk.....

Decision is the Awakening to the Eternal

by Larry E. Thomas, Interim Pastor



Can there be something in life that has power over us which little by little causes us to forget all that is good? And can this ever happen to anyone who has heard the call of eternity quite clearly and strongly? If this can ever be, then one must look for a cure against it. Praise be to God that such a cure exists – to quietly make a decision. A decision joins us to the eternal. It brings what is eternal into time. A decision raises us with a shock from the slumber of monotony. A decision breaks the magic spell of custom. A decision breaks the long row of weary thoughts. A decision pronounces its blessing upon even the weakest beginning, as long as it is a real beginning. Decision is the awakening to the eternal. (Soren Kierkegaard)

“Decision is the awakening to the eternal?” Really? Yes, I think Kierkegaard is spot on. Every day, each and every one of us are faced with decisions; big decisions; little decisions and no brainers. According to Dr. Joel Hoomans of Roberts Wesleyan University, various online sources estimate “that an adult makes about 35,000 remotely conscious decisions each day.” This number may sound absurd, but according to researchers at Cornell University, we make 226.7 decisions each day on just food alone! (Wansink and Sobal, 2007)

Dr. Hoomans offers a modest sampling of the choices we are faced with:

What to eat? What to wear? What to purchase? What do we believe? What jobs and career choices will we pursue? How do we vote? Who do we spend our time with? And my favorite, “What do we say and how do we say it?” That’s not the half of it; each one of our choices carry consequences both good and bad. “The ability to choose is an incredible and exciting power that we have each been entrusted with by our Creator and for which we have an obligation to be good stewards of,” writes Dr. Hoomans. Mt. Si Lutheran Church is on the threshold of making some big decisions:

- Discerning God’s guidance and direction as the Call Committee interviews pastoral candidates and the congregation calls a new pastor
- Gathering information and prioritizing options as the congregation decides what to do with the parsonage now that LEO has withdrawn their offer
- In collaboration with the your new pastor, hiring a family and youth director
- Hiring a new pianist for the 8:15 am traditional worship service

I’m confident that God will guide congregational servant leaders, decision-makers, committees and congregational members in making informed, thoughtful, faithful, and wise decisions in these and other matters. It won’t always be easy; perseverance and patience are essential; consensus is critical. Trust me on this—God’s got you covered. The Holy Spirit can and will provide the required direction and discernment for making good decisions.

Over the years, when facing difficult decisions, I have often turned to the essay, “Decisions,” by the late Episcopal priest, Fr. Gale Webbe. His essay on decisions is included in his book, “The Night and Nothing.” Here’s some of his most helpful wisdom on decision-making:

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What's Happening...

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Human intelligence develops its highest powers and uses them rightly when strengthened by love and when protected by prayer...In this calm, protracted colloquy we are not simply talking with other humans, wise or unwise, but with Wisdom and Truth himself. Furthermore, in such an exercise, he is talking with us—a fact which removes this practice from any reasonable charge of magic. There is ample sober testimony that this approach brings about correct choices. The most subtle decisions, affecting whole lives and generations, can and do resolve into certainties when we give God time enough to make his loving will clear to our hard heads and hearts. A more important result of this practice is the clarification of motive. The end of time available to us—a week, it may be—before we must decide can leave us in a condition like this: “I do not know, even yet. God has not shown me which course to take, or in my deafness I have not heard him. It may be that both courses are good and that one is merely higher. I do know now, however, that if I choose course X the motives will be entirely sound at my present level of development. Therefore I can take that course without a bit of fear or worry.”

This is a sound conclusion because God uses motives, like love, to far better advantage than he uses wisdom. A decision based on honest motives works out so surely for good that it is entirely true to say that even if it is the wrong decision, it will be the right one.



On May 5th, nearly 50 people attended the fundraising event. Thank you Mt Si Lutheran Church! The Cinco De Mayo celebration was a raving success. We raised \$1000 for the Guatemala Mission trip this summer, enjoyed fun fellowship, and delicious food! Thank you for such wonderful support. The trip is just a few weeks away, and the team is preparing. We appreciate your continued prayers for a safe and blessed adventure. The team will leave on July 21st and return July 30th. Commissioning the team on July 16th. ****If you would be available to help with transportation to and from the airport, contact Jenna Rhyne at rhyne.jennifer@gmail.com or contact the church office for details.**



John Keiser, Leslie Hatling, Erik Rhyne, Jenna Rhyne, Courtney Adams, Terry Adams, Inge Burnside, Tom Burnside, David VanHandle & Peggy Halferty (not in photo)

Toren and Kaiya Rhyne

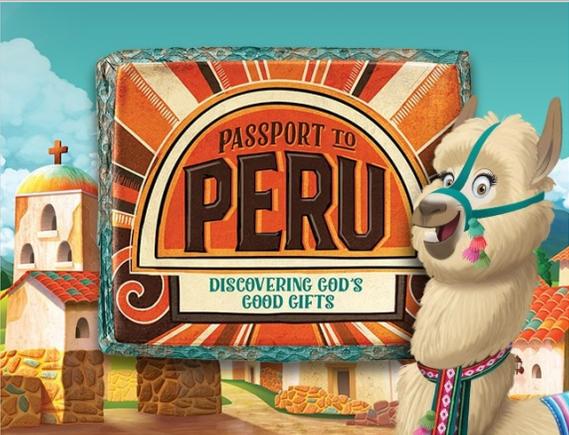
Parish Education News!

Mt. Si says a HUGE THANK YOU to our dedicated Sunday School Teachers for another wonderful year of faithful service. Each of you are truly a blessing to our children, and we can't say thank you enough. **Nancy Flanagan, Rosemary Hanson, Lisa Sampson, Debbie Jones, Ann Bartlett, Courtney Adams, Kim Buckmaster, Joanne Chase, and Sue Shardelman (Adult Education), Erik & Jenna Rhyne (Confirmation Class).** Special thanks to Courtney Adams and Debbie Jones for co-leading the Sunday School for the past several years.

The Sunday School season is on hiatus for the summer, but we will see you again in September. Please be sure to check out the wonderful activities being offered for our children during the summer months. They are listed below. Have a safe and blessed summer!

Schedule Notes

- July 13th & 27th—Summer Family Fun Day! 1-4PM (Pre-k—5th gr.)
- August 6th – 10th: VBS—Join us for “Passport to Peru” 6-8PM (Pre-K—5th gr.)
- September 3rd: Labor Day Weekend
- September 10th: “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day of Service
- September 17th: **Resume two worship services.** First day of Sunday School for children and for adult discussion group



2017 Vacation Bible School

Save the Dates!
Aug. 6th-10th
6:00-8:00PM



If you want to help with planning and decorating for this year’s V.B.S., please speak to Debbie Jones. Register on-line at mtsilutheran.org or pick up a form at church. Invite friends and neighbors!

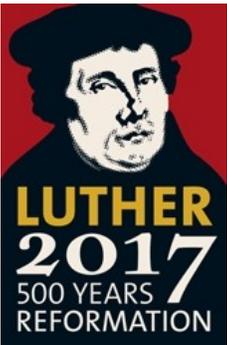


God’s Work, Our Hands Day of Service

Sunday, Sept. 10th

We are currently looking for projects and team leaders so anyone interested, please contact Courtney Adams or call the office.





Reformation 500th Anniversary

On October 31, 2017, the ELCA will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the day Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses which touched off the Lutheran Reformation. Yet there is so much more to the story. This one act set off a chain of events that literally changed everything. As members and congregations of the ELCA, we are encouraged to use this opportunity to learn more about the impact (both good and bad) this event has had over the last 500 years. Watch for educational materials and videos to be offered throughout the summer. You are also encouraged to check out Reformation 500 resources yourself at the ELCA Anniversary Website: <https://www.elca500.org/resources/> and Augsburg Publishing: <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286460/Reformation-500>.

HERE'S THE NEWS



Office Volunteers Needed: We are looking for office volunteers for **Aug. 7th-10th and Sept. 5th-14th**. We will have limited office coverage during this time to accommodate the volunteer's schedules (probably 9AM-Noon). If you can commit to one day or several days, please give Sheila Rodriguez a call at (425) 888-1322. Thank you!



Dear Mt Si Families: This year's VBS program is called "**Passport to Peru**." It will be held from **Sunday, August 6th through Thursday, August 10th from 6:00-8:00 PM**. This is a cross culture program where kids and adults explore God's incredible love for all of his children. We'll have an amazing time trying out new games, songs, and awesome experiences, all inspired by the beautiful country of Peru! Register online on the church website or pick up a registration form outside the church near the door to the office. **Volunteers are still needed! Please contact Debbie Jones or the church office if you are able to help.** Also, please keep a lookout for "all things Peru" at yard sales etc. to help us with decorations. If you already have things at home that will help us, and are willing to loan or give them to us, that would be great too! Invite friends, family, and neighbors!



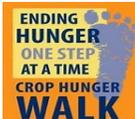
Church Office Summer Schedule: The church office will be closed on Friday's through September 15th.



2017 NWWA Synod Assembly—Thank you to Pr. Larry, John Keiser and Lisa Sampson for attending the 2017 NWWA Synod Assembly in May. Visit the Northwest Washington Synod website (lutheransnw.org) to learn about the business that was conducted at this year's one day assembly. (On the synod website, click "assembly" and then click on "2017 Synod Assembly" for information on synod and church-wide elections and resolutions that were passed by the assembly.)



We would like to thank the members and friends of this wonderful community of faith for the incredible support you have been showing us during our recent health challenges. We are grateful for the terrific meals, visits, rides to doctor appointments, and so much more. The love of God truly shines through each of you. ~Blessings, Betty, Dale & Sue Shardelman



CROP Hunger Walk 2017—The total raised for the Snoqualmie Valley CROP Hunger Walk was \$2801.30. Thank you to everyone who participated in the car wash, donated goodies, and those who walked to raise money to overcome poverty and hunger in the Snoqualmie Valley and globally.



I wanted to send a heartfelt thank you for your generous donation. We are so grateful for your gifts of time, finances and shelter hosting. Please thank your congregation for the recent donation of \$184.28 and for all you have given to our program. ~Jennifer Kirk, Director, Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services.



Community In Action

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

Meet your 2017 Council Members

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| Debbie Spurling 2019 (2) Email: angeltender@hotmail.com | <h2 style="color: #FF4500; margin: 0;">Council Corner!</h2> | | |

Submitted by Heidi Dukich, Church Council President

Greetings from the church council,

Summer is here, however, that does not mean that the work at the church takes a vacation.

- The Call committee is busy preparing to interview candidates for a new pastor.
- The Family and Youth committee is busy collecting items for the back to school supplies and backpacks for our valley youth in need. To sign up to help, check out sign up sheets in the fellowship hall or ask Janey Benson.
- The Parish Education committee has set three dates this summer for Family Fun Days, June 29th, July 13th & 27th. V.B.S. is coming up Aug. 6th-10th. To register, go to our website. For information, see Debbie Jones.
- The Building and Grounds committee is proactively collecting roofing bids for the church. High school student, Bailey Dukich, is doing a great job mowing the church grounds.
- Council discussed clearing out the cluttered rooms/nooks in the church to prepare for a new pastor. The process for this cleaning project will be communicated with committees to make sure items are organized and easy to locate. If you have questions about what is stored where, please speak to Sheila Rodriguez or Sue Oster.
- **SAVE-THE-DATE-July 9th:** The Parsonage committee will host a forum for the congregation after worship on July 9th with an update on the parsonage and the options available. We hope to see you there.

Call Committee Update

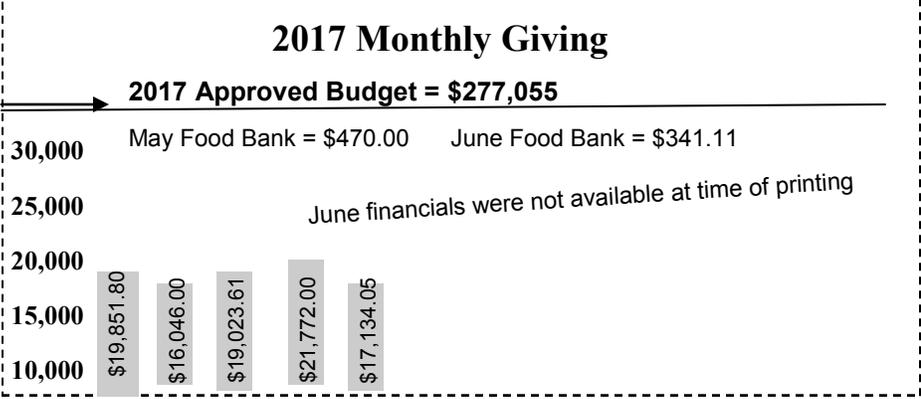
The Call Committee has completed the documentation portion of the Pastoral Call process. This is the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which provides a description of the congregation and attempts to identify the type of person we want for our new pastor. It is a very time-consuming process requiring a great deal of reflection, and the Call Committee members are excited to be moving on to the next phase.

What happens next? We now begin the first interview phase. The Committee is scheduled to meet with Bishop Unti on July 12th. The Bishop will be bringing three candidate resumes for review that he feels best align with our needs outlined in the MSP document. The Committee hopes to begin interviews on July 18th, and has just thirty days to complete these first interviews. If no candidates stand out during the interview process, the Call Committee will request an additional 3 candidate resumes for consideration. If any of the candidates appear to be a good fit, a follow-up interview will be scheduled for early August. Stay tuned for more information.

Please continue to lift up this call process in your prayers. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the members of the Call Committee, and pray that we will hear God's direction throughout the process. Pray that the bishop will provide us with three good candidates to interview. And pray that God will prepare our new pastor for his/her upcoming ministry at Mt. Si Lutheran. Thank You. Please feel free to contact a Call Committee member if you have any questions: **Ed Benson, John Cassidy, Riley Buckmaster, Erica Haycox, Tom Som, Leslie Hatling, Sue Shardelman, Tom Burnside, and Lisa Sampson.**

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.

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 Simply Giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Forms are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall or contact the office. Forms should be returned to the church office with Attn: Financial Secretary.



2017 Graduates Recognized



On June 4th, Mount Si Lutheran recognized our 2017 graduates who have worked hard to accomplish their goals. We are thankful to God for guiding these wonderful saints in their journey and for leading them on to what's ahead. Listed below are the names of those who graduated.

Kirsten Lynn Hayes from Mount Si High School—*Kirsten will attend Bellevue college in the fall. Kirsten would like to study to become a labor and delivery nurse*

Stefan VanHandel from Mount Si High School—*Stefan will attend Western Washington Univ.*

Brittney Hower from The University of Washington, Seattle—*Brittney graduated with a B.A. in Art History and a minor in Italian Studies. She will also be studying contemporary art this summer from June until August, and will be living in the Netherlands and Belgium and attending two international art exhibitions in Italy and Germany.*



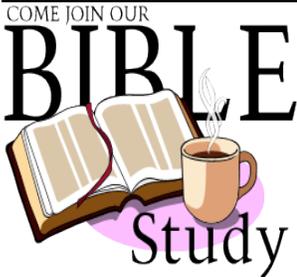
Church Photo Directory

Corrections/changes:

Curtis & Genada Lynn
780 NW Juniper St.
Issaquah, WA 98027
(425) 395-7104

Tom and Connie Som
10111 181st Ave E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391
Phone Number 253-750-4431
Cell and E-mail are the same

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.

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 Betty Shardelman at 425 888-0772.

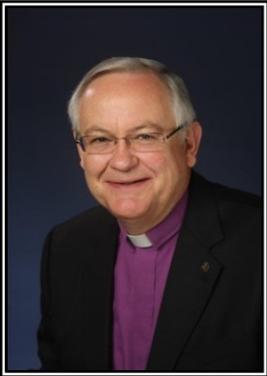


The Spirit

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Learning to Discern

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop



Every parent knows what is right for their child. Right? Not always!

Kim and I were quite certain we knew exactly which teacher our shy daughter Briana needed for first grade. It certainly wasn't the one that the school determined would be best. We worried ourselves over the fact that Mrs. Balka appeared to us to be so strict. How would our little one ever survive? She would be crushed and end up in a pool of tears.

Mrs Balka ended up being just the right teacher for our Briana. Her high expectations and clear sense of order is precisely what Briana needed as she was trying to learn to navigate her world. Mrs. Balka had a wonderful capacity to see the giftedness of each child. She could see the teacher in Briana.

Briana started the year with her desk in an absolute mess. Her brain wasn't yet wired for good order. Kim went in every Friday at the request of the teacher to help her learn to order it so she got off the week to a good start. By the end of the year Briana, on her own, had a very neat desk.

Briana ended up turning her bedroom (with a little help from her mother) into a classroom. The ABCs adorned her walls and she managed to come up with a desk, overhead projector, and real classroom clock. She couldn't wait to get home from school so that she could begin playing school. Briana was printing off attendance sheets, worksheets, and grading sheets a plenty. The truth is we were never quite sure whether Briana was doing her own homework or made up homework intended for her make-believe class.

Fast forward 25 years and that same daughter has now been teaching for six years. This year Briana is teaching first grade. There may well be parents who fear their child will be enrolled in her classroom. After all who do you think our daughter has modeled her teaching after? You are right if you are thinking Mrs. Balka.

Briana is also Miss Organized. Everything has its rightful place. Everything is color coded, three holed punched, and filed for quick access.

We learned an important lesson by not interfering in Briana being assigned to Miss Balka's class. We learned the importance of not allowing our own fears and prejudices to determine what might be life giving.

We call this the act of discernment in the Living Local Movement. Discernment comes only after dwelling in God's word. It comes after deep listening and beginning to see what one may not see on first impression. At first we didn't see how much Briana would gain from having a teacher with clear expectations and a helpful sense of order. We only saw "strict."

This same reality is often what prevents a congregation from seeing what God might be up to in the neighborhood. We tend to think we know who our church is and what it is we need. This can prevent us from responding to invitations that the community may be trying to extend to us. We have a tendency to get stuck in "our" ways when God might be inviting us into God's way.

There is no doubt in my mind that God is enrolling the church in a new classroom that none of us are too sure is the right classroom for us. Rather than fearing these new times, perhaps we ought to see the gifts that God has in store for us.



The Spirit

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The Holy Spirit is Moving & Dancing

By the Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, Assistant to the Bishop, NWWA Synod



The celebration of Pentecost occurred a few weeks ago. On that day, we heard how the disciples finally left that locked room. Thousands were baptized. People were swept up in the fire and wind and flame of the Spirit. But we are mistaken if we determine that event happened long ago without relevance for today. For the Holy Spirit continues to move and breathe as we move and breathe in the Spirit ... even in the twenty-first century, even here in the Pacific Northwest!

As I write this, I am on my second day as Assistant to the Bishop. I also am selling my house, looking for a house, learning names and faces, absorbing facts and figures, and (as you all experience) driving in western Washington traffic. It is exciting and overwhelming all at the same time.

I admit when I was approached about this position, I resisted. I was settled. I was happy with my call. I had a dentist and hair stylist and dog groomer. I was not considering a move to the west side. But as I talked with Bishop Unti and the rest of the staff, my excitement grew and I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to a new and different place.

When I think back on my life, this is exactly how God invites me to new ventures. If someone had told me my Freshman year at PLU that I would become a pastor I would have laughed out loud. If someone had told me my first call would be on the Flathead Indian Reservation I would have shook my head in disbelief. If someone had said that I would live in Spokane for twenty years I would have said, "There's no way!" If someone had suggested I move out of Spokane after twenty years I would have said (and did), "But I'm comfortable." And yet ... that pesky (awesome!) Holy Spirit who, from the beginning of time, mixes and tosses and stirs, led me to this place to be in ministry with all of you.

The Holy Spirit is moving and dancing ... in your lives, in your church, in your world. Unpredictable, fanciful, animated but never boring, the Spirit blows upon us, our church, our world as we move from the past into the unknown, as we come ever closer to the time when peace and justice reign, as we join together in the cosmic holy dance.

I look forward to hearing how the Holy Spirit has called you into your vocations and callings, into new and different ministries. As we move into this future together we know that life is not always predictable, but in the midst of uncertainty, we are certain of God's love and grace through Jesus. We are certain that the Holy Spirit is leading, guiding, prodding, coaxing us into a new day.

I would love to preach, teach, meet or whatever may help you and your congregation.

I look forward to our journey together.

Blessings,
Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee
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206-783-9292 ext. 103

Stay in touch and in the know!
Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? www.lutheransnw.org/calendar
Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe

What's New?



SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACK PROJECT

It time for the annual backpack and school supply project! I will be organizing this project again this year. Together with other local Valley churches we will collect monetary donations and school supplies, to provide backpacks, filled with school supplies for children grades K -12th. We are expecting 300 children to sign up for supplies this year! We need money donations to purchase supplies. You may also donate school supplies from the list below. I will purchase all the backpacks online for a discounted price. So, let's fill up the backpacks! I will have sign-ups in the narthex for help with inventorying supplies, filling the backpacks, and distributing them in August at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Thanks for your help and support with this project serving the children in our community! Check out sign up sheets in fellowship hall. A special VBS offering will be collected during worship on Sunday, July 16th. For more information, ask Janey Benson

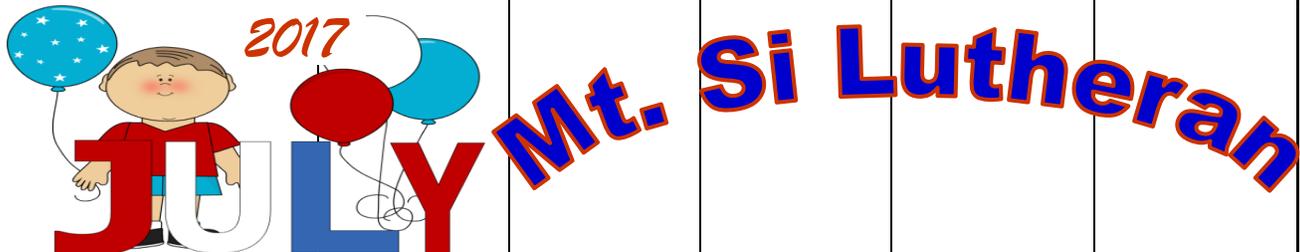
School supplies needed: 1 1/2 inch binders, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, highlighters, notebook dividers, pocket folders, washable and regular markers, college and wide ruled notebook paper, large pencil boxes, youth scissors (5 inch blade), wide and college ruled spiral notebooks, wide and college ruled composition books, graph paper, index cards, pencil sharpeners, Ticonderoga brand pencils. #2 pencils



On June 4th, Day of Pentecost, Mt. Si bid farewell and God's blessings to Tom and Connie Som. Tom and Connie have moved to Bonney Lake after living 12 years in North Bend as active members of Mt. Si Lutheran Church. Each has been a leader in many ways during their 12 years. Tom has served on Council, Personnel, Building & Grounds, and Call Committee. Connie has faithfully served as leader of the Library Committee, as well as on the Call Committee a few years back, and served on the Altar Guild making communion bread. Both have faithfully served as worship assistants and ushers. They will surely be missed by all and we look forward to them visiting us when they can. During worship, Pastor Larry blessed Tom & Connie and thanked them for their commitments to this church and congregation. A farewell reception followed worship where we presented Tom & Connie with a beautiful picture of Mt. Si Lutheran Church (photo by Terry Adams), with Psalm 121 on the picture. Tom Burnside presented Tom Som with a coveted "Golden Hammer Award" for his dedication and devotion serving and leading on Building & Grounds. They were both presented a beautiful painted ceramic cross. Members and friends wrote inspirational messages on rocks as keepsakes for Tom & Connie to display at their new home.

Goodbye,
Best Wishes
& Thank You!



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:00AM Mission Team Regroup  | 3 12:30PM Women's Bible Study | 4 HOLIDAY (office closed)  | 5 | 6 6-8PM AA | 7 (office closed) | 8 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| 9 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour → 10:15AM Parsonage Forum  | 10 12:30PM Women's Bible Study | 11 7PM Council Mtg. | 12 | 13  6-8PM AA | 14 (office closed) | 15 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| 16 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship Commissioning of Guatemala Mission Trip Team 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour Blessings and Farewell Reception for Bob and Ann Bartlett  | 17 12:30PM Women's Bible Study | 18 | 19 | 20 6-8PM AA | 21 (office closed)  Mission Trip Team leaves for Guatemala | 22 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| 23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour  | 24 12:30PM Women's Bible Study | 25 | 26 | 27  6-8PM AA | 28 (office closed) | 29 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| 30 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour Mission Trip Team returns from Guatemala  | 31 12:30PM Women's Bible Study | Aug. 1 1PM Shelter Committee Mtg. | 2 | 3 6-8PM AA | 4 (office closed) | 5 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |



Flower Chart for the Altar



| DATE | NAME | IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF |
|---------|------------------------|---|
| July 2 | Judy Stoddard | To the Glory of God! |
| July 9 | Susan Olds | In Honor of David's birthday |
| July 16 | Mt. Si Lutheran Church | Farewell Blessings to Bob and Ann Bartlett |
| July 23 | Judy Stoddard | In Loving Memory of Leanne Walker and her family for her loss |
| July 30 | Rodriguez family | In Honor of Natalie and Rick's birthdays |



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2017**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

Ushers and Offering Counters Needed

Worship Assistants for July



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.

| Summer SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:00AM | July 2 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | July 9 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost | July 16 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | July 23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | July 30 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| Usher | 9:00AM Only | 9:00AM Only | 9:00AM Only | 9:00AM Only | 9:00AM Only |
| 9:00AM | Mark Imsland John Keiser | Herman Schlaht Mike Kober | Ed Benson Susan Olds | Mark Imsland | Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler |
| 10:00AM | Coffee Hour Fellowship & Sunday School | | | | |
| Counters | - - Counters needed- - | | Janey Benson Debbie Spurling | Dan Luke Nancy Flanagan | |
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| 9:00AM | Anne Keiser | Tom Burnside | Deb Mach | Suzie Franson | John Keiser |
| 8:15AM Cantor/ Music | Andy, Carol, John, Dave | Dave, Carol, Andy | John, Rachel | Jack, Rachel | Andy, Carol, John, Dave |

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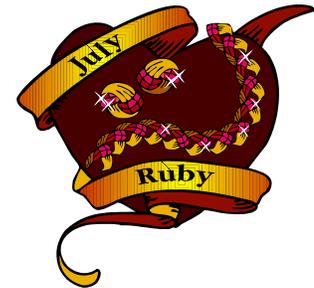


| NAME | DATE | NAME | DATE |
|--------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Lainey Elise Gray | 4 | Shelley Harding | 20 |
| Denise Stone | 7 | Rosemary Koukol | 20 |
| Joan Guenther | 9 | Ben Luna | 21 |
| Tom Burnside | 10 | Ann Thomas | 21 |
| Abby Laufer | 11 | Linda Velebir | 23 |
| Genada Lynn | 12 | Natalie Rodriguez Watson | 27 |
| David Scott Risner | 12 | Cian Collom | 28 |
| Doug Jones | 17 | Tillie Schlaht | 30 |
| Kaitlyn Lilleberg | 17 | Earl Wildes | 31 |



Anniversaries!

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Tom & Joanne Chase | July 1 |
| Michael & Kay Kober | July 7 |
| Herman & Tillie Schlaht | July 23 |
| Don & Sue Oster | July 30 |



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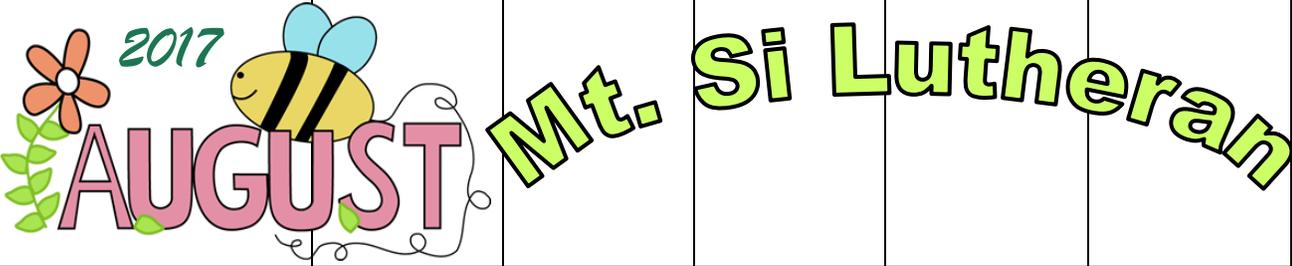


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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------------------|--|
|  | | | | | | |
| | | 1 1PM Shelter Committee Mtg. | 2 | 3 6-8PM AA | 4 (office closed) | 5 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| 6 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour   | 7 12:30PM Women's Bible Study | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 (office closed) | 12 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUG. 6th—10th 6:00-8:00PM </div> | | | | | | |
| 13 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour Set up school supplies in F.H.  | 14 10AM-Noon Backpack/School Supply Project 12:30PM Women's Bible Study Sept. Newsletter Deadline  | 15 7PM Council Mtg. | 16 Distribute Backpacks at SVFB | 17 6-8PM AA | 18 (office closed) | 19 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
| 20 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship / Baptism 10:00AM Fellowship Coffee Hour Congregational Meeting following worship   | 21 12:30PM Women's Bible Study | 22 | 23 Distribute Backpacks at SVFB | 24 6-8PM AA | 25 (office closed) | 26 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course |
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Flower Chart for the Altar



| DATE | NAME | IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF |
|---------|--------------------------|--|
| Aug. 6 | Dave and Debbie Spurling | In Honor of their 25th wedding anniversary |
| Aug. 13 | | |
| Aug. 20 | Terry and Courtney Adams | In Honor of their 28th wedding anniversary |
| Aug. 27 | Mark and Julie Imsland | In Honor of their 34th wedding anniversary |



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2017**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.



Ushers and Offering Counters Needed

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|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
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|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Pat Palmer | 1 | Zachariah Collom | 14 |
| Rick Rodriguez | 2 | Laura Ritzenthaler | 16 |
| Katherine Yocom | 3 | Beth Luna | 22 |
| Grace Culver | 5 | Sue Oster | 25 |
| Rosemary Hanson | 5 | Nick Adams | 27 |
| Sydney Yocom | 5 | Ralph Freeman | 27 |
| Erik R. Rhyne | 6 | Zack Hower | 27 |
| Erica Haycox | 7 | Kay Kober | 27 |
| Debbie Jones | 10 | Shirley Forgey | 30 |
| Paula Jones | 12 | Paul Dukich | 31 |
| Jonathan Spurling | 13 | | |



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|--------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
| John & Suzy Cassidy | Aug. 3 | Rodney & Cheryl Thompson | Aug. 17 |
| Michael & Shelly Harding | Aug. 6 | Jeff & Valerie King | Aug. 18 |
| Dave & Debbie Spurling | Aug. 7 | Terry & Courtney Adams | Aug. 19 |
| Larry & Ann Thomas | Aug. 8 | David & Lorraine Wilkerson | Aug. 20 |
| Jim & Nancy Flanagan | Aug. 12 | Nate & Katie Yocom | Aug. 26 |
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~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

Summer Worship Schedule at 9:00AM
May 28th-Sept. 10th



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:15AM Traditional Service

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:35AM Confirmation Class

9:35-10:30AM Sunday School

9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed

10:45AM Praise Service

Larry Thomas—Interim Pastor

Pastor's email: ledgarthomas@gmail.com

Pastor's phone: (425) 802-1212

Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant

Heidi Dukich—Council President

Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music

Carol Reitz & Rachel Combs—Piano

Sue Oster—Custodian

Jeff King—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

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