



**PASTOR'S NOTE**

Blessings Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God, our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A word of thanks to all who came up to celebrate with Doug and I on August 12th. It was such a joy to share in food and fellowship together! Thank you.

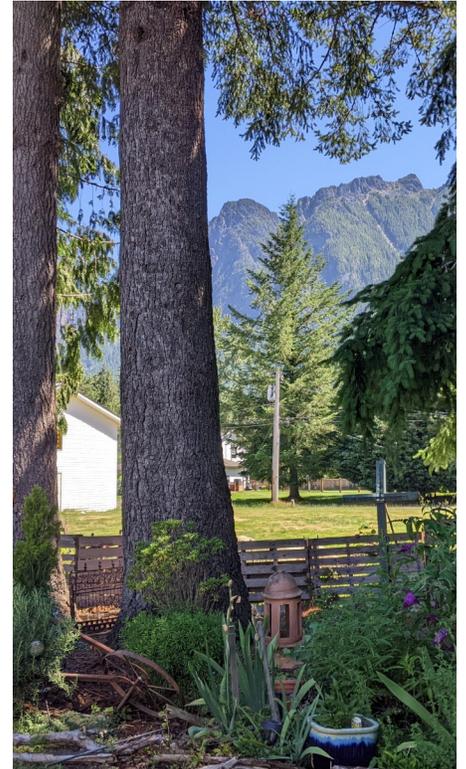
I also want to share a word of thanks to those who continue to offer their time and support for the weekly Farmers Market. This time of crafts and conversation is such a blessing to our community.

Another ministry that we celebrate this month is the Backpack/School Supply Annual give away. This year we gave out over 100 sixth-twelfth grade school bags with supplies and over 70 K-fifth grade bags with supplies (left over from last year). In addition we dropped off 40 sixth-twelfth grade bags to Trail Youth to be handed out this week. Over 30 additional K-fifth grade bags were given directly to elementary schools to hand out as needed. We partnered with Trail Youth and the King County Library this year. Trail Youth provided us with socks to hand out and the Library provided many books for all ages to give away. What an incredible ministry! Thanks to Erica and Janey for leading this effort and for the hands who helped hand out supplies this week. In addition, your generous support fully funded the project. Thanks be to God!

This summer was full of incredible outreach and service to our neighbors with Farmers Market, VBS and Backpack/School Supplies, Block Party, Parade and more! That will continue as we move into the fall. On September 11th we will again celebrate with the ELCA, God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday. We have a special worship planned with a meal to follow before heading off to various service projects. The theme this year is CARE. Learn more about opportunities to serve on the 11th later in the newsletter. I will be with you all in worship this Sunday, but will miss serving alongside you following worship. I am assisting Lord of Life Lutheran during their transition process as part of my Dean responsibilities. That day is a congregational time to give important input on their Ministry Site Profile and I was asked to be there to lead that time. I will continue to assist them during their transition through the end of October and into early November. It is a privilege to be invited into this time. I ask that you hold Lord of Life in your prayers as they move through this transition. They are primarily served by another pastor who leads worship and pastoral care. My work is with council and their transition team. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have about my work with them.

We will continue with worship this fall at 9:30am each Sunday with coffee hour and education to follow.

Peace, Pastor Krista



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*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Re-joice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.”*

*Philippians 4:4-5*

## Mt Si Financial Summary

Jan-July Budget =  
**\$110,833**

Jan-July Giving =  
**\$97,614**

Jan-July Exp. =  
**\$104,038**

YTD income/loss =  
**-\$6,424**

\*since we print the newsletter prior to the end of the current month, the newsletter reporting will always be one month behind.



## SUNDY ADULT EDUCATION

Starting up again!! Sunday, September 18th and 25th. We will catch-up on our discernment process and work on next steps. For the month of October we will welcome guest pastors from our cluster to teach on Lutheran theological topics. More details in the next newsletter!

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are welcome to participate. The Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall each Monday at 12:30pm. They are studying the book of Joshua. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vivian Waid.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday @ 9am the men gather 9:00am Little Si Restaurant in North Bend for breakfast and Bible Study. The Study focuses on the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship. Reach out to Dave Spurling or Ed Benson for details.

## THIRSTY FOR THEOLOGY

This group meets to discuss various theological topics. This is a low key group that welcomes open minds and hearts. We tend to laugh a lot and rarely get to an answer outside of our grounding in Christ and his abundant grace and mercy. Please bring a beverage of choice to the gathering. We meet at the parsonage next to the church. Reach out to Pastor with any questions.

Our next gathering is on **Thursday, September 15th, 7pm**

Topic of conversation:

## God's Work Our Hands

**Sunday  
September 11**

Potluck following worship  
with several service projects  
for all ages to participate in!  
Please bring a dish to share.

## November Annual Meeting

**November 13**  
following the service

**At this meeting we will  
approve the 2023 Budget  
and Elect new council  
members.**

## COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings from your council.

We have had a busy summer. We have had a kid's craft booth at the farmers market every Thursday, we had a kid's craft booth at the North Bend block party, we had our vacation bible school in July, and we had a float in the parade and co-sponsored the kid's area for the Festival at Mt Si. As a result of all of this we have connected with several families in the area. To help get out information about who we are as a church, we have prepared business cards containing our mission statement and information about services. We also have put together small bags containing a small olivewood cross, a book mark and our business card to hand out at these various events.

Our finances took a positive turn in July. Our income exceeded our expenditures by \$1,465. This is for five Sundays, but if you look at the income for just the first four Sundays in July our income still exceeded our expenditures for the month by \$665. Our attendance has also picked up. We had 45 in attendance on August 7 and we had 35 attend our outdoor service on August 14.

The churches of the East King County Cluster of our synod will be holding our second meeting on September 17 to continue discussing ways we might collaborate. We will be looking at a variety of areas including use of our facilities, youth programs, music programs, and finances.

At our July meeting the council decided we will hold our November congregational meeting to approve a 2023 budget and elect new council members on November 13 following the service. Please plan to attend.

The Building and Grounds committee has decided that trying to scrape and paint all of the windows and doors at once will take more than one or two days. They will be breaking the work up in to smaller segments through the fall and do a few windows at a time. If you are interested in helping, contact Rick Rodriquez. Building and Grounds also had the large pile of clippings behind the lawn mower shed removed. In the future we will be disposing of the clippings as we generate them and not creating a new pile. For concerns or questions about facilities and programs please contact a council member.

Jack Boller

## Ways to Give



### **If you purchase from Amazon:**

1. Set up Amazon Smile
2. Select Mount Si Lutheran as a beneficiary.

We will receive a percentage as a donation from Amazon to Mt Si. See our website for links and more info.

### **Make a gift online through our website:**

[www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving](http://www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving)

Thank you for your continued generosity.

-Treasurer

*"You show me  
the path of  
life. In your  
presence  
there is full-  
ness of joy"  
Ps. 16*



Mt Si Days Parade!



### GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts Leaders will be meeting at the church on the third Thursday of each month

### AA

AA will be meeting again at the church every Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 9:30pm

## Mt. Si Lutheran Church Archeological Dig A Jar Has Been Found!

A Bible Study Seminar—October 1st

9:00-12:30pm

**A jar has been found.** This jar contains fragments of texts that appear to be from the Bible. The outside of the jar has letters and words in the ancient Greek language. There are also engravings of an individual in ancient dress. An inscription on the bottom of the jar reads: “To: Mt. Si Lutheran Church”

**There is evidence that more jars are yet to be found.**

It has been decided that we should seek to determine the messages of the fragments contained in the jar. After all, the jar was addressed to us! Therefore on **Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022** we will gather to open the jars and begin to work with the text. ***This Bible study seminar will include something for all ages.*** To discover the message in the jars we will be following the methods used by archeologists, linguists, historians, theologians, and pastors and teachers. You will learn how to approach the text using the procedures of observation, interpretation, and application.

To insure we have enough supplies and tools (please bring your own excavation equipment) to complete this project please sign up as soon as possible. More information will be coming as we near the project date.

**Come! Be an archeologist for a day!**

An event for all ages!

### F.A.M.S.

**September 14th**

**Faith Adventures at Mt. Si Lutheran is a ministry for kids and youth k-8th grade.**

We meet midweek on a Wednesday from 6-7:30pm. The evening consists of fellowship, experiential learning, food, and fun. Additional information will be sent out in an email soon.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Note from John Grebe

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

I am not ready for Summer to be over, but I am looking forward to many of the traditions that take place in the upcoming months! One of the wonderful attributes about working in ministry is taking into consideration the gifts and the unique qualities of the community. I feel privileged to serve alongside you and it is during this time that we get the opportunity to look to the future and take into consideration all the possibilities for ministry. If you have a vision for ways you would like to get involved, please feel free to reach out and talk to the leadership. Even if there is not an existing opportunity, it is always a joy to be able to work together to create new and exciting possibilities! Wonderful things always begin with a mere thought!

Always keep in mind that our creator sees beauty in each of us! We have the full capacity to be transformed, even when broken, into powerful works of art and in knowing this we too can be transformative! Keep your heart and mind open to the possibilities found in each moment because greatness is not in that far off distant moment, but rather it is in the here and now.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

### Sunday School:

An organized class for children and youth will be available after church on the first Sunday of the month starting Oct. 2nd. John, Courtney Adams, or one of the other teachers will be available weekly for meaningful conversations on the other Sundays.

### Confirmation will be returning in the Fall:

More details to come. This is a class designed for youth who are interested in learning more about Christianity, service, Lutheran doctrine, and it culminates in a worship service for the affirmation of baptism. The tradition of baptizing infants is explored and in affirmation of baptism the individual is given an opportunity to make a public confession or declaration of their personal commitment to their own faith development.

### A possible Youth Event for Saturday Sept. 24th:

The cluster leaders are exploring opportunities for there to be events that will include all the churches from our cluster. We are currently working on the idea of an afternoon of pizza, yard games, and team building.

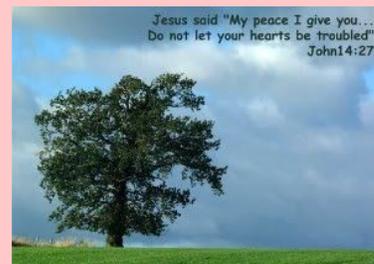
### Upcoming Dates:

**Harvest Carnival**  
Saturday 10/22

**Everything Apples**  
Sunday 11/6

**Advent Festival**  
11/27

**Holly Days**  
Saturday 12/3



*Updates to events are communicated through Constant Contact and an email list of families and friends, if you are not on this list but would like to be included please let John Grebe know.*



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Declan Haycox 2nd  
 Alisha Blakely 3rd  
 Kelsey Harding 6th  
 Stefan Van Handel 8th  
 Heidi Dukich 12th  
 Janey Benson 14th  
 Kim Buckmaster 25th  
 Brian Hayes 25th  
 Kyley Anna Hayes 26th  
 Lesia Tiongson 27th  
 Lorraine Wilkerson 27th

## SEPTEMBER



Christopher & Lisa Sampson 2nd  
 Marge Bliss 7th  
 Paul & Heidi Dukich 8th  
 Charles & Jenny Lynch 22nd  
 John & Erica Haycox 25th  
 Judy Stoddard 25th

*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please reach out to the office so we can make the correction.*

## “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



SEPTEMBER 11

### Care for our Community > Snoqualmie Valley Foodbank

**Team Leader:** Dylan, SVFB Staff

The Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank invites volunteers to help clean and assist with organization around the SVFB. Dylan, who works at the SVFB will lead this project. All supplies will be provided by the SVFB. The project will go from 11:15-1:00pm. (8-12ppl)

### Care for our Community & Church > Garden

**Team Leader:** Terry Adams

Weed eat and lay down black weed control cloth between beds /rebuild repair lattice & fence/clean any beds that are finished for the season. Tools and supplies provided. If you have a favorite pair or work gloves, please bring them along! (8-12ppl)

**Care for our Congregation >Meal** For everyone! Please bring a dish to share for a good old fashioned Lutheran Potluck. Yum! What a joy it is to share in a meal together. (Clean-up—3-5ppl)

**Team Leader:**

### Care for our Kids > Birthday Bags

We are gathering supplies now until Sept. 11th. On the 11<sup>th</sup> we will assemble the birthday bags which are distributed to families in need by the SVFB. (8-12ppl)

Needed items:

- Cake mix
- Candles
- Frosting
- Napkins, table cloth, paper plates
- Party favors

**Team Leader:** Lisa Sampson

### Care for our Congregation >Small Projects

There are several small projects that need to be completed around the church such as help moving backpack supplies down into storage and other items. Look for details on the 11th!

Remember to wear your yellow t-shirt! If you don’t have one, you can pick one up in the fellowship hall.





## Red Cross Blood Drive September 13th

10am to 3pm

Blood Drive registration is live for signups  
at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

*Donate Blood, Platelets or Plasma. Give Life*

The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

The drive is open to the public and a spot can be reserved using the code: MtSiLutheran.

If you are interested in helping with this blood drive please reach out to Rick Rodriguez.

### October Special Preaching Series

In the month of October the local clergy in our cluster are planning a preaching series and pulpit exchange experience.

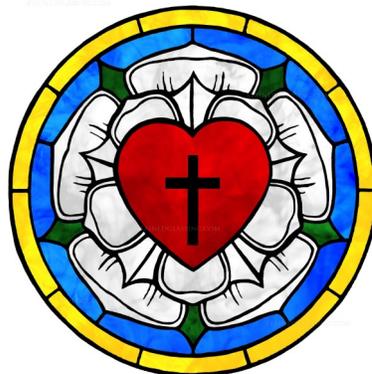
Sammamish Hills, St. Andrew's, Holy Cross, Cross of Christ, Mt Si and possibly St. Luke's will join in this shared experience.

The theme for the preaching series is Lutheran Theological principles such as Law and Gospel, the Priesthood of All Believers, Two Kingdoms, Freedom of a Christian and more. Each pastor is selecting one topic/sermon to prepare. We will then share that sermon at various churches each week. Mt Si will get to hear from four other cluster pastors each one bringing their own topic, then, on October 30th, Reformation Sunday, we will each be back in our home congregation to preach on Justification.

We hope this sermon series will be a blessing to each congregation and I pray it is a blessing to Mt Si. The pastors will also lead an adult study following worship on the topic they preached on. This will be a time to ask questions and dig deeper.

Questions? Please let me know!

Peace, Pastor Krista



**The Sunday  
flower chart is  
in the Narthex**

(area outside  
sanctuary)

You are welcome  
to sign-up for a  
Sunday to  
provide one vase  
of flowers for the  
altar.

### SEPTEMBER SUNDAY LESSONS

#### September 4th

Anointing Service

First Lesson: Ps. 1

Second Lesson: Psalm 121

#### September 11th

First Lesson: Mat. 25:34-40

Narrative Lectionary Text:

Portions of Genesis 6, 8 & 9

#### September 18th

First Lesson: Matt. 28:19-20

Narrative Lectionary Text:

Gen. 12:1-9

#### September 25th

First Lesson: Matt. 5:11-12

Narrative Lectionary Text:

Gen. 39:1-23

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# BISHOP'S LETTER

## September 2022

*This is slightly adapted to fit our newsletter to read in full, please go to the Synod Website*

Eight voting members from the Northwest Washington Synod attended the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly. While we were excited to be together with almost 1000 other Lutherans, we also all felt somewhat like Martha. There were so many things that distracted and worried us: the continuing COVID pandemic, monkeypox, deadly heat waves, forest fires, flooding, war, and so many other things. For many in our delegation, traveling to Columbus, Ohio (where the Churchwide Assembly was held) was the first trip many had taken since early 2020. For many, traveling to the assembly was anxiety-producing. Additionally, it was apparent from the pre-assembly documents that we would be wrestling with some topics that could be divisive and difficult. All in all, we had a new understanding of Martha's worry and distraction.



However, just as Jesus responded to Martha's worries, Jesus responded to all of us heading to the Assembly. Jesus reminded Martha and reminded us, "Only one thing is needed." As we gathered from all parts of the ELCA, each with our own worries, anxieties, and agendas, what we had in common was the "one thing:" Jesus. And we proclaim, trust, and believe that we are saved by grace and that the work we gathered there to do was not ours, but God's. As ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton reminded us in her opening sermon, "The Church is not ours. The Church is God's."

Throughout the week we worshiped together, we ate together, we talked with one another. We laughed and we cried. We prayed, we reflected, we lamented, and we asked for forgiveness. We listened and we repented. We danced (well ... Bishop Shelley and a few others danced) and we rejoiced at God's amazing love, grace, mercy, and justice. We did the work of the Church.

One of the most emotional and moving moments of the Assembly was Bishop Eaton's apology on behalf of the entire Church to the community of Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria Peregrina, a community that was harmed and traumatized by actions not only of individuals, but also systems and processes in all three expressions of this Church. There were members of this community present at the assembly to receive the apology which was made in both Spanish and English. Their grace-filled response to Bishop Eaton moved many to tears. As they offered forgiveness, they also were clear that there is much work to do towards ending racism and repairing the relationship between the ELCA and their community. We have much work to do!

On day two the assembly was invited by the ELCA American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association to wear red to bring awareness to missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. The assembly received a presentation on the "[Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native People](#)" adopted by the ELCA Church Council last September. Task force members gave examples to the assembly of what the ELCA has been doing to live out the declaration, closed with remarks by Vance Blackfox, who began last year in his newly created position as ELCA director for Indigenous ministries and tribal relations.

The assembly also recognized the [ecumenical and interreligious](#) commitments of the church, including "[A Declaration of Ecumenical Commitment](#)" (adopted 1991), "[A Declaration of the ELCA to the Jewish Community](#)" (adopted 1994), "[A Declaration of Interreligious Commitment](#)" (adopted 2019) and "[A Declaration of the ELCA to the Muslim Community](#)" (adopted 2022).

The assembly adopted en bloc 19 memorials that covered topics such as gun violence, parental and family medical leave, and communion practices. In addition to memorials, we passed the triennial budget and elected a new Vice President of the ELCA. Congratulations to Imran Siddiqui, currently serving as the VP of the Southeastern Synod, on his election. Read more about him [HERE](#).

We are so thankful for the elected voting members of our synod who joined us in Ohio for this important work: Pr. Rachel Swenson, Kasey Shultz, Laura Sasaki Norton (our newest synod staff member), Eli Daheim, Curt Eidem, and Frank Loulan. (While Pr. Esau Cuevas could not be with us due to illness, we are grateful for his willingness serve.)

As Bishop Patricia Davenport (bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod) reminded us on the final day of the Assembly, we are baptized children of God. We have received the promises of grace, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation. And because of this, we are called out for the sake of the world.

May we remember, as Jesus reminded Martha, that there is "one thing." And that one thing, always, is Jesus.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee & Vice President Kay Edgerton