

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

411 NE 8TH ST
NORTH BEND, WA 98045

Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

DECEMBER 2013

Special Points of Interest:

- Dec. 1st—9AM Worship with Advent Festival at 10AM
- Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th 6PM Advent Soup Supper and 7PM Worship
- Dec. 14th—10:30AM-12:30PM Women's Christmas Brunch
- Dec. 15th—11:45AM Congregational Meeting
- Dec. 24th—7 & 10PM Christmas Eve Worship (offices closed)
- Dec. 25th—Merry Christmas (offices closed)
- Dec. 29th—9AM Worship with breakfast potluck to follow

**December 1 & 29
One Worship @ 9:00AM**

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From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

(Re)signing Advent

Signs and symbols are around us all the time. We use them to make meaning and communicate with one another. They are the words we use, the signs we use to drive and navigate, the ways we use computers, and so many more. Even events and seasons can take on symbolic meaning. And as we enter the season of Advent we can think about this season as a sign that points us to the birth of Christ.

It seems like more and more Advent has become a busy time of year; busy mostly with consumerist agendas. Rather than pretend we are at war with the culture, let's acknowledge we are a part of this culture. As participants in this culture we have the ability to make changes and hold on to the values we claim. We can shape the signs and symbols around us that we use to make meaning. Let's work together this year to (re)sign Advent.

(Re)sign is a play on words. With the parenthesis in place it makes us think about changing or shaping the sign anew. Think about the (re)formation, as we imagine that historical event we can think about it as the church forming anew. (Re)signing is a creative task to allow a sign, like Advent, to take on new meaning or return to old ones. If we remove the parenthesis our word takes on an entirely different connotation. Resign is most commonly associated with what someone does when they leave a job or let something go. If we remove the parenthesis resigning Advent allows us to let go of the parts of Advent that are not consistent with the values we hold.

This Advent season we are going to do both: reshape and (re)sign, resign and let go. And one of the ways we're going to do this is through art. Each Sunday in Advent we're going to work together on an icon called Theotokos, which means "God bearer". It's an icon drawing of Mary holding the infant Jesus. Only when we start it will only be a rough outline with some shades of color. It will be up to us to fill in the color and details. To do this I'm going to ask you to bring in all the Christmas advertising you get in the mail as a symbol of all the things we don't want Advent to become—a consumer season. We're going to tear up the paper and use the colors from the shreds to fill in the color and details on our icon. When we're done we will have resigned the season the world would have us celebrate and (re)signed this season as a sign to wait for the messiah. I promise this will all make more sense when you see it and we will have fun putting it together. (see pg. 10 to see a picture of the icon we will use for art work)

When the junk mail arrives put it in a bag and bring it to church each Sunday. We're going to need lots of colors to fill in the Icon. We will leave the project out on a table in the Fellowship Hall so we can watch the progress and wait together for the messiah!



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".

ADVENT

Meaning of Advent: The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate.

In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ *has come*, that He *is present* in the world today, and that He *will come* again in power. That acknowledgment provides a basis for Kingdom ethics, for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people. So, as the church celebrates God's breaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

(Source: The Voice: Christian Resource Institute, <http://www.crivoice.org/cyadvent.html#top>).

Why is it so difficult to enter into Advent? We know in our hearts that Advent can be more than a "pre-Christmas" season, more than those four weeks of getting ready for the Big Day on December 25th...in the quiet darkness, we are aware of something stirring in our hearts, a longing we can't name. Something that no trip to the store, no decorations, Christmas dishes or new ornaments can fill...What is this promise for *us*? What does it mean for us in our comfortable, complicated and messy lives?...We have everything we could want. What else is there?

What if this Advent, we allow ourselves to imagine a life that is different? What if our hearts were at peace and our lives more satisfying? That longing in the most hidden corners of our hearts is something holy, a Holy Longing, a desire for a deeper relationship with God.

There are dozens of ways we can evade the issue, but still, that longing is there for something more. Advent is a time to recognize both our holy longing and the healing love God has for us, despite the many barriers we put up between ourselves and God. We can start simply and just rest at the edge of our beds in the mornings, open our hands and whisper, "Come, Lord Jesus!" If we let ourselves feel what is in our hearts, we know they are filled with love. We can carry that experience with us as we go through even the busiest of our days. We may not know exactly where to begin or how to fill this longing in our hearts, but it is simple. God waits with infinite love and with arms outstretched to meet us.

In this Advent season, it's time to risk, to make the first step, to find our way back home.

(Source: Creighton University, Collaborative Online Ministry <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/difficult-entering-Advent.html>)



Wednesday Evening Worship at 7PM

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

Please Note: NO Wed. Worship on Dec. 25, 2013 or Jan. 1, 2014

Parish Education News!

Our Sunday School season is going strong. 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

**No Sunday
School Dec. 1,
22, & 29
Resume Sunday
School Jan. 5**

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

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

Advent Festival—Sunday morning, December 1st. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service at 9 AM. There will be refreshments, wreath making, crafts, and decorating. In addition, Global Missions will be gathering and breaking open the Rice Bowls. Join us for the celebration!

Mt. Si Holiday Choir—Suzy Schuba has graciously offered to lead a Holiday Choir for age 12-adult. Practices will be Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19 at 6:30PM. The choir will perform during both worship services on Dec. 22nd & 7PM on Dec. 24th. If you have questions, please speak to Suzy Schuba or call her at 425 831-5169.

Help Needed!

VBS: We need leaders for next year. Please pray about taking on this project. We have already ordered the material. **2014 VBS theme: *Weird Animals***. All you have to do is follow the detailed instructions in the kit.

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.



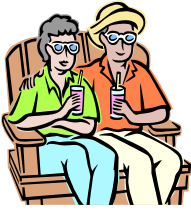
Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who brought gift-filled shoe boxes for this year's collection. We collected 26!
Thank you to Joanne Chase for leading this special effort for many years at Mt. Si Lutheran.



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

Come make crafts, help decorate the church, and make your family Advent wreath. All ages will have plenty to do. It will be a churchwide event for singles, couples & families, and we hope everyone will participate. Don't miss the celebration!



Senior Fellowship—Dec. 16th—Please join us Monday, Dec. 16th at 2:00PM in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the Christmas Season. We are happy to have Herman Schlaht entertain us with Christmas music on his accordion. Please bring treats to share. 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—December's "food of the month" is holiday items: gravy, canned fruit, 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). 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 inspiring us through Advent and Christmas. Also check the display rack for Christmas DVD's which we think you'll enjoy. 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 opened at North Bend Community Church on Nov. 15, 2013 and meal service through the winter shelter has begun. 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



RICE BOWLS
FILL BOWL • FIGHT HUNGER

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.

Holden Village Women's Retreat Dancing the Trinity: Grace, Love, Communion February 7-10, 2014

Presenters will include Amy Boers, Tacoma, leading music sessions; Renee Splichal Larson and Taryn Montgomery, pastors from South Dakota and North Dakota respectively, providing Bible study, and Clare Tallon Rune, dancer, teacher and mom from Evanston, Ill. The schedule will also include craft and fun-in-the-snow activities. To attend the event, simply register as a guest during those dates. You can register after November 1st at www.holdenvillage.com.

**Merry
Christmas!**
*and a
Blessed New Year*



Meet your 2013 Council Members

President John Cassidy 2013 (1) Email: john-cassidy@live.com	Vice President Rick Rodriguez 2013 (1) Email: rsnmrod@mac.com	Secretary Courtney Adams 2014 (1) Email: courtneymadams@hotmail.com	Treasurer Annual Renewal Paula Hower Email: pjhower@comcast.net
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Submitted by John Cassidy, Church Council President

Holiday blessings and peace to all.

As we prepare the royal highway for our new liturgical year my prayer for you is that in this season of Advent you will find a renewed spirit to guide you in your daily life. Wars rage on, tornadoes topple towns; the hungry line up for food and the homeless shiver in the cold. We might be discouraged at all the bad news--lamenting that times sure must have been better in the past. But the truth is *they have ALWAYS been tough*. That's why HE NEEDS US. If He didn't, He would not have commissioned us to:

"19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

As you think ahead to 2014 ask yourself:

- how can I make a difference in the world (hint: start with something very small, like a friendly greeting to someone you don't know)
- shall I let the ugliness of the world overshadow its beauty?
- is God calling me to be of service to His church?

As my work with council will be finished at the end of this month, this will be my last newsletter article to you. For me personally I have grown so much in Spirit over these last few years. Thanks to all of you who have shepherded me down my walk of faith. I am excited to hear where God calls me next.

IMPORTANT NOTE: At the November 24th congregational meeting, we did not have a quorum to vote on important matters regarding Mt. Si's 2014 Proposed Budget or filling council vacancies. Therefore the meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15th at 11:45AM (immediately following the 2nd service). All voting members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting so the business of the church can continue unaffected. The meeting will be brief and the only items on the agenda will be approving 2014 Budget and filling council vacancies. The winter shelter at Mt. Si was approved by majority vote at the meeting on Nov. 24, 2013.



*Christmas and New
Year Blessings to all of
you from the staff at
Mt. Si Lutheran*

In Christ,

~Pastor Mark

~Sheila Rodriguez

~Paula Hower

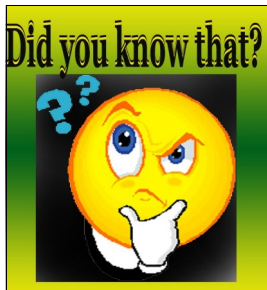
~Britney Hower

~Joan Moe

~Joan Guenther

Staff opening in the church office - the church is looking for someone to take over the role of Church Financial Secretary. It is a part-time position requiring a few hours each week. We would like to fill the position as soon as possible. For more information about the job please ask Pastor Mark or Joan Guenther who currently serves the church in this capacity. Thank you, Joan for your dedication and contributions!!!!!!

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.



Mount Si Lutheran Church's Rich History Trivia

- **September 12-13, 2009** Mount Si celebrates 60th Anniversary—Program, dinner, fellowship, photo gallery and Mount Si history displayed for viewing. A 60th Anniversary Cookbook was created for a collection of recipes from Mt. Si Lutheran. The cookbooks also included photos and messages from Pastors and others looking back at the first 60 years. Former Pastors of Mount Si attending: Pastor Armin Reitz, Pastor Wesley Sackmann, Pastor Paul Hermansen, Pastor Tim Wolbrecht, and Pastor Mark Griffith.
- **September 12, 2009** Rev. G. Mark Griffith accepts the call and begins his ministry at Mount Si Lutheran Church. (first Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009)
- **October 11, 2009** Rev. Jan Nesse, Assistant to the Bishop, installed Rev. G. Mark Griffith as the pastor of Mount Si Lutheran Church
- **November, 2009** Old brick chimney removed from basement entry due to safety concerns. This was no longer a working chimney.

All contributions will need to be made by **Dec. 29, 2013** to be recorded on your 2013 Mt. Si Contribution Statement. By law, any checks received after Dec. 31, 2013 regardless of the date, will be recorded on your 2014 contribution statement. The last deposit for contributions will be made on Dec. 29, 2013.

Any purchases you have made for Mt. Si, but are not asking for reimbursement, must still be on your Mt. Si contribution statement in order to be a tax deduction. To get those purchases/expenses on your contribution statement, please fill out a "Unreimbursed Expenditures" form and turn it in to Joan Guenther by Jan.13, 2014. Forms are available on the table by elevator in the Narthex, or from the office.

If you have any questions, please speak to Joan Guenther, Financial Secretary, or call the office at 888-1322.



OFFICIAL ACTS

DEATHS/MEMORIALS

Oct. 18, 2013 *Irene A. Hollowell*

Oct. 18, 2013 *Janetta M. Hanson A memorial was held on Oct. 22, 2013*

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Nov. 20, 2013—*Kim, Ian & Eli Auxter*

NEW MEMBERS

Nov. 24, 2013—*John, Kim, Ian & Eli Auxter; Amy, Paige & Ava Lee; Peggy Halferty; David Van Handel and Vicki Wallentine*

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.

2013 Budget vs Actual YTD

300,000

250,000

200,000

150,000

100,000

50,000

\$246,386 2013 Annual Budget

\$213,218.55

\$173,495.63

Thru Nov. 10

Budgeted
 YTD

Nov. Finances and Attendance

YTD= YEAR TO DATE

Sunday Worship Attendance 199 (thru Nov. 10)

Budgeted YTD \$ 213,218.55

Given YTD \$ 173,495.63

Food Bank Offering \$ 459.00 (Nov.)

Food Bank YTD \$ 2,951.18

Sunday School Offering (Sept.-present) \$ 157.85

\$ Needed to reach budgeted \$ YTD = \$39,722.92 (under)

Thought You'd Like to Know...



2013 North Bend Holiday Tree Lighting Festival

Mount Si Lutheran is hosting a booth at the North Bend Tree Lighting Ceremony, this is our fourth year at the event. It is a great way for our church to connect with the community and put a smile on many children's faces--Evangelism. We had at least 100 kids and their parents stop by our booth last year. We could use some youth and adults to help children with some simple crafts--anyone can help. The event goes from 4:00-8:30PM, if you are interested in helping setting up, cleaning up, or just helping, give Terry Adams a call at 831-8593 or e-mail; terryaadams@hotmail.com or just stop by the booth.



The gift of generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported **Mt. Si Lutheran** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit mtsilutheran.org, go to the Home page, click "On-line Giving" and follow directions, or contact the church office for more information.



On Sunday, Nov. 24th, Mt. Si Women's Ministry collected a special offering during worship for the House of Hope Thanksgiving meals. Thank you to all who donated money for the special offering. A grand total of \$220 was collected to purchase gift cards to local grocery stores so the House of Hope women could shop for what they needed.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services *Tuesday, December 24th @ 7:00PM & 10:00PM*

This year there will be two candlelight services at Mount Si Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve. The first service will be offered at 7 pm with special music from the praise team. Come and enjoy the Mt. Si Holiday



Choir led by Sue Schuba. The later traditional service will begin at 10 pm. Each service will reflect the joy of the Messiah arriving in our midst and we will celebrate the gentle rule of Christ that begins with a baby on Christmas morning! Please invite family, neighbors, and friends to join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior—Jesus Christ!

Please Note: NO Wed. Worship on Dec. 25, 2013 or Jan. 1, 2014

What's Happening.....

MOUNT SI WOMEN OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

"...And Wonders of His Love"

"For unto us, a child is born, unto us a son is given.

Isaiah 9:6



WHAT? Women of all ages are invited to join us for a special event as we celebrate the joy of the Christmas season together! Join us for food, fellowship, games, door prizes, and fun!

SPECIAL GUEST: Inspirational speaker Brenda White

WHEN? Saturday, December 14 from 10:30-12:30

WHERE? Mount Si Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

WHAT TO BRING?

*A Christmas ornament (store-bought or hand-made) wrapped & ready to exchange!

*A friend and a brunch dish to share!

*A freewill love offering will be collected for the Corner of Love family Sponsorship

*A freewill donation for a handmade quilt drawing (donated by Quilting Ministry)

*Look for sign up sheets in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall

ANY QUESTIONS? see Courtney Adams

Hope to see everyone there!



House of Hope Giving Tree

This year the Mount Si Women of Christ are honored once again to sponsor a Christmas giving tree for the women & children living at the House of Hope/Mamas Hands houses. Each year we do this to provide gifts for the families who are displaced so they have something to open on Christmas.

The tree, located in Fellowship Hall has gift tags for each of the moms and children labeled with specific gift requests. If you are able to help this year we ask that you:

~choose a tag from the tree

~buy the requested gift & return the gift, wrapped with tag attached by Monday,

December 16th.

This is a wonderful way to share our blessings with those less fortunate.

Thank you for your support!



The Spirit

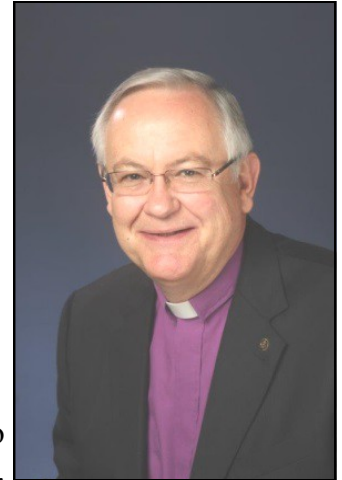
News for the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Come Lord Jesus

Advent message by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them..." Exodus 3:7-8 NIV

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NIV



I have made it my own personal practice to use the Season of Advent as a time to imagine more fully what it means that God has taken up residency in our world. Preparing for the birth of Christ, for the coming of Christ is for me a deep desire to know Jesus in the flesh.

God coming to us is at the center of what the good news is all about. This action of drawing near reveals the depth of God's love for us. I know having four children how important it is for me to try to be there for them, especially if I think they are hurting. No doubt I have been an overly protective father but it is in my bones. I felt the same way when my parents were dying. I wanted to be with them even though I was helpless in being able to do anything for them.

It is one thing for God to come, it is quite another that God would come in the flesh. Taking on flesh is - in and of itself - full of grace. I so admire people who know how to get down on the same level as others. Two of my heroes are Craig Rennebohm and Dick Lutz. These two pastors devoted their lives to working with the mentally ill on the streets of Seattle and South King County. I watched them patiently, painfully and with great love learn the language of those whom others only viewed as crazy. They began to find meaning in the images, themes, dramas, and hallucinations of those who make so little sense to most of us. Craig and Dick knew what it means to enter into another's world.

How powerful is the might of one who empties the self and becomes one with us and one of us.

Friends, may this advent season be a time when you experience more fully God's great love for you and God's presence in the world where you are living your life. In turn, may you be drawn into the care of others in ways in which you more fully enter their world.

Come Lord Jesus!

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 are invited to the Synod Advent Open House Gatherings

December 2, 1pm-5pm at Fir-Conway Lutheran
Church, Mount Vernon

December 3, 1pm-5pm at the Synod Office,
St. John United, Seattle

Advent Art Project

Theotokos, which means “God bearer” is an icon drawing of Mary holding the infant Jesus. During Advent, the congregation is asked to bring in your Christmas advertisements in newspapers, magazines, the mail, or wherever you find them. Each Sunday you will be invited to join us to fill in the icon using torn pieces of paper from these Christmas ads. This project will be completed by Christmas for all to see and enjoy the finished artwork. Come to the Fellowship Hall each Sunday during coffee hour & fellowship time to participate in this exciting and creative way to (Re)sign Advent! This is a project for everyone—adults and kids! We wish to say a special thank you to Dave Franson for putting together the foundation for the icon.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Mt. Si Lutheran						
1 First Sunday in Advent 9AM Worship Service  First Sunday of Advent 10AM Advent Festival/Decorate church	2 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	3 9:30AM Quilters	4 6:30-7:30PM CS Den #4 6PM Advent Soup Supper 7:00PM Wednesday Worship with Communion 	5 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 4-5:30PM GS #42488 6:30PM Holiday Choir practice 7PM AA	6 12:45-2:45PM GS #42506  4-8:30PM North Bend Tree Lighting Festival	7 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 4-8:30PM North Bend Tree Lighting Festival
8 Second Sunday in Advent 8:15 Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship 	9 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	10 9:30AM Quilters 6:30PM Stewardship & Finance 7PM Parish Ed mtg.	11 6PM Advent Soup Supper 7:00PM Wednesday Worship with Communion 	12 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 6:30PM Holiday Choir practice 7PM AA	13 12:45-2:45PM GS #42385 EARLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	14 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 10:30-12:30 Mt. Si Women's Christmas Brunch 
15 Third Sunday in Advent 8:15 Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship 11:45AM Congregational Meeting 6-8PM Cub Scouts Den #1 	16 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 2PM Senior Fellowship 7pm Snoqualmie Valley Girl's Choir Concert	17 9:30AM Quilters 6:30PM Evangelism Meeting 7PM Council Meeting	18 6PM Advent Soup Supper 7:00PM Wednesday Worship with Communion 	19 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 4-5:30PM GS #42488 6:30PM Holiday Choir practice 7PM AA	20 12:45-2:45PM GS #42506	21 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 3:30PM Clark/Nelson Wedding Rehearsal
22 Fourth Sunday in Advent 8:15 Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship Holiday Choir will sing 3:30PM Clark/Nelson Wedding 7PM Piano Recital-Sue Schuba 	23 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	24 Holiday (office closed) Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 7 & 10PM 	25 Holiday (office closed) 	26 7PM AA	27	28 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
29 First Sunday After Christmas 9AM Worship Service 10AM Breakfast Potluck 	30 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	31	Jan. 1, 2014 Holiday (office closed) A HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 7PM AA	3	4



Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Dec. 1	Liturgical Ministry	In Celebration of Advent
Dec. 8		
Dec. 15	Mike & Rosemary Hanson	In Celebration of their wedding anniversary
Dec. 22	Lynn Family	In Honor of Lissa Lynn's birthday
Dec. 29		



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2014**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

Worship Assistants for December



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Dec. 1 First Sunday in Advent	Dec. 8 Second Sunday in Advent	Dec. 15 Third Sunday in Advent	Dec. 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent	Dec. 24 The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve 7 & 10PM Candlelight Worship	Dec. 29 First Sunday after Christmas Healing Sunday
Usher	9:00AM ONLY					9:00AM ONLY
8:15AM	9:00AM Flanagan Family	Mike Kober Herman Schlaht	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Herman Schlaht Bert Sievertson	7PM Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	9:00AM Tom & Connie Som
9:30AM	10AM Advent Festival	Sunday School & Coffee Hour Fellowship		No Sunday School	10PM	No Sunday School
10:45AM		Ed & Jane Benson	Mark Imsland Bob Bartlett	Bob Bartlett Tom Chase		
Counters	Kay Boyle John Cassidy	Ed Benson				
Communion Assistants						
8:15AM	9:00AM Inge Burnside	Courtney Adams	Dave Franson	Kay Boyle		9:00AM Paula Hower
10:45AM		Joanne Chase	Rosemary Hanson			
Lector						
8:15AM	9:00AM Tom Burnside	Terry Adams	Suzie Franson	Heather Griffith	7PM Sue Shardelman Betty Shardelman Ed Benson	9:00AM Linda Velebir
10:45AM		Suzy Cassidy	Ed Benson		10PM Jack Boller	
Cantor 8:15AM	John Cassidy	John Cassidy	Jack Boller	Dave Spurling		

December Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Bernice Prindle	2	Jack Boller	20
Martha O'Dell	3	Madison Lilleberg	20
Lauralee Ritzenthaler	4	Lissa Lynn	21
Sue Shardelman	5	Kay Boyle	22
Joshua Stone	12	Don Oster	26
Rosemary Stethem	13	Carol Reitz	26
Ed Benson	14	Nate Chase	30
Caden Lisk	14	Haley Chase	30
Eric Kober	17		



Anniversaries!



Dave & Suzie Franson	Dec. 3
John & Lissa Lynn	Dec. 7
Doug & Paula Jones	Dec. 10
Andy & Linda Velebir	Dec. 11
Mike & Rosemary Hanson	Dec. 15
Abe & Mary Abrahamson	Dec. 22



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 NEWS**letter 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 sofflicka@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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