

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## February 2015

**Special Points of Interest:**

- Feb. 16th—President's Day Holiday (offices closed)
- Feb. 17th—6PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Feb. 18th—7PM Ash Wednesday Worship
- Feb. 21st—6-8:30PM Tubing & Tailgating at Snoqualmie Summit
- Feb. 25th—6PM Lenten Soup Supper & 7PM Worship



From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

### **LENT**

As we approach the season of Lent I want to invite you to prepare. Prepare for this powerful season of prayer and contemplation as we journey to the cross. The cross of Jesus Christ is always before us as a central symbol. In the season of Lent we pay particular attention to the cross and what Jesus' life, death, and resurrection mean for us today. We walk together in the shadows of darkness, allow ourselves to be honest about the shadows that plague our own hearts. We recognize that in his life, Jesus, showed us how to live, in his death he showed us how to die, and in his resurrection he broke the fear of death that binds us.



As we enter the season of Lent we will focus on this as a time of prayer. I invite you to use this as a time of honest prayer where you offer to God all those places of pain and brokenness in your hearts. What burdens seem unbearable? What darkness seems too oppressive? What ache persists in your life? By allowing ourselves to recognize this pain, shame, and brokenness we stop hiding from God and allow God to heal us. We emerge from the shadows and realize the fullness of life that God has created for us and called us to enjoy. This is a journey that begins with prayer—open, honest, prayer that opens your heart and mind to the light of God bursting into the world in Jesus Christ.

Prayer will be our focus through the season of Lent. I am excited to partner with other congregations in the valley for this season. We will host a joint Ash Wednesday service here at Mt. Si with the Methodists from Fall City and Snoqualmie and the Episcopalians from Snoqualmie. Each Wednesday in Lent we will have soup supper at 6pm and Holden Evening Vespers at 7pm. You will hear from one of the leaders from each congregation during those Wednesday services. We will each share a practice of prayers.

Maundy Thursday will be hosted at the Fall City United Methodist congregation at 7pm. Good Friday will be hosted at Snoqualmie United Methodist at 7PM. I am excited to join with these other congregations in our Lenten journey.

*Heather, Sadie, Caroline, and I would like to thank you all for your generous Christmas gifts. We appreciate your care and thoughtfulness. Heather and I are especially grateful to be a part of a faith community that supports and loves our girls. It is truly a joy to be on the journey of faith with all of you- -thank you from all of us.*

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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”.

## Practicing Generosity

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need. Traditional practices of Lent include prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (also known as charity or generosity).

Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. It is important to give ourselves the experience of fasting from being un-generous.

*“If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail” (Isaiah 58:10-11, NRSV).*

Fasting and almsgiving foster generosity. Generosity is not as simple as giving excess clothing to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" check to benefit the poor. These are wonderful practices. However, generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much I have, all that I have is gift, and given to me to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of my personal priorities. That is quite different from assessing all of my needs first, and then giving away what is left over. A spirit of self-less giving means that one of my needs is to share what I have with others.

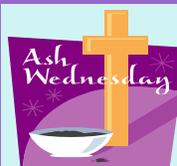
Lent is a wonderful time to practice self-less giving, because it takes practice. This kind of self-sacrificing generosity is a religious experience. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other without having any excess. It also joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>. This is a great resource for daily prayers and reflections for your Lenten journey.



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Feb. 17 at 6:00PM

Parish Ed Committee will once again host Shrove Tuesday. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for pancakes, sausage (regular and veggie), fresh fruit, and sweets! All are welcome!



### Ash Wednesday Worship February 18 at 7PM

#### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

When ashes are to be imposed, those who desire to receive ashes come forward. The minister applies ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

**“Remember that from dust you came,  
and to dust you shall return”.**

# Parish Education News!

Our Sunday School continues into the new year. 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 2014-2015 School Year:

- Opening Music—vacancy
- Preschool & Kindergarten— Nancy Flanagan/Rosemary Hanson
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades—Debbie Jones/Dana Koukol
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades—Ann Bartlett/Courtney Adams
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades—Kim & Mike Buckmaster/Joanne Chase
- Teen Time—James Mehring
- Adult Education Hour—Pastor Mark/Sue Shardelman

## Adult Class

How did Jesus proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God? What key aspects of the Kingdom, and which attributes of Jesus, do we notice in the Gospels and Acts? Jesus talked about, explained and modeled the Kingdom of Heaven while he was on earth with us. How can we use his example to more fully live out the Kingdom of God in our present day?

This is the focus of our “Word & World Series” of discussions this spring. Starting with the Book of Mark, we will read a chapter from the Bible, and talk about what we learn from Jesus in these Scriptures. Then we will apply what we find to current local and global news headlines. Pastor Mark will lead these discussions. Bring your Bible, grab a cup of coffee, and join us in the library for lively conversation! We start at **9:45 am**.

## Schedule Notes

- February 17<sup>th</sup>—Shrove Tuesday & Annual Pancake Dinner
- February 18<sup>th</sup>—Ash Wednesday
- April 5<sup>th</sup>—Easter & No Sunday School

## Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship Services Begin Feb. 25th

Prior to worship, we will meet together as a community to share a meal at 6PM. During our Lenten suppers, Global Missions will be focusing awareness on the severity of water conditions in third world countries. We will be campaigning for our church to raise \$2500 for a well through the ELCA. Since almsgiving to the poor is a traditional component of Lent, an offering will be taken each Wednesday during the meal to go to the ELCA World Hunger/Water and Sanitation. Coins, dollars, and checks are appreciated. Checks can be made out to **Mount Si Lutheran Church with ELCA World Hunger in the memo**. After supper, please join us for Holden Evening Prayer at 7PM in the Sanctuary.



- Feb. 25th** — Soup supper hosted by **Council**
- Mar. 4th** — Soup supper hosted by \_\_\_\_\_
- Mar. 11th** — Soup supper hosted by \_\_\_\_\_
- Mar. 18th** — Soup supper hosted by \_\_\_\_\_
- Mar. 25th** — Soup supper hosted by \_\_\_\_\_

*A sign up sheet is available to bring soup or bread each week.*

- Apr. 2nd**—Maundy Thursday Worship will be held at Fall City United Methodist Church at 7PM
- Apr. 3rd**—Good Friday Worship will be held at Snoqualmie United Methodist Church at 7PM



**Senior Fellowship**—A huge Thank You to Jack Boller for speaking to us about Hanford for our January Senior Fellowship event. All were quite impressed with Jack's presentation. Please note: our last Senior Fellowship will be late summer for our annual picnic. The date will be in the newsletter closer to the time. If you would like to plan Senior Fellowship activities, please contact Joyce Ayers at 425 865-9853 or Genada Lynn at 425 292-3124.



**LIBRARY NEWS**—Our display table will have books for you to read through Lent and Easter. 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.



**Chronic Conditions Support Group for Women:** Once a month, a group of women with various chronic health conditions meet together to study, share, encourage and support one another. We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 10 am - noon, in the library or fellowship hall. All women with chronic health conditions are welcome to join us. Please contact Sue Shardelman (888-0772) for further information. The meetings will be noted on the calendar as CCSG.



**Transition in the Treasurer's Position:** I am so grateful for Paula Hower's faithful service to Mt. Si Lutheran Church as treasurer. For the past several years she has filled this role and we all appreciate her service. She did a great job helping keep the finances of the church and helping the council to navigate the budget. Please join me in thanking Paula for all her time and dedication. I would be remiss to pass up the opportunity now to also let you know we are looking for someone new to fill that role. Let me know if you are interested! ~Pr. Mark



**The gift of generosity**—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, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit [mtilutheran.org](http://mtilutheran.org), go to the Home page, click "On-line Giving" and follow directions, or contact the church office for more information.



**Office Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for office volunteers for Mar. 19-27. 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 888-1322. Thank you!



On January 4, 2015, we celebrated Joan Moe's retirement as Custodian at Mt. Si Lutheran Church. On behalf of the congregation, Pr. Mark presented Joan with a bouquet of roses, a warm cozy blanket, a Starbucks gift card, and a beautiful framed photograph of a painting of Mt. Si Lutheran Church by local artist Gloria Danielson. On behalf of the Building & Grounds committee, Joan was given a pewter dish and a thermal coffee cup with scripture. Many of Joan's family were able to attend the reception and it was nice to share with them how special Joan is to all of us. Congratulations, Joan from your loving church family!!

**thank you!** Thanks to the church for the gifts, the nice soft blanket, picture of Mt. Si Lutheran Church with Psalm 121, beautiful roses and coffee card. Thank you also for the beautiful pewter dish and coffee mug from Building & Grounds. Thank you to everyone! ~ Love Joan Moe



# Meet your 2015 Council Members

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**Submitted by Jack Boller, Church Council President**

Greetings and peace to you all from your Church council.

The New Year has begun and the Council held our beginning of year retreat on January 17. We reviewed our constitution and bylaws and found some things that need to be revised. We will be working on that as we move into the year. We also talked about stewardship and our overall budget process. We are forming a work group that will start up in February to evaluate our budget and financial management processes. Our goal is to have processes that are better able to coordinate our spending to meet our operating costs and ministries needs to assure that our spending is aligned with our mission and we are better able to meet our commitment to the ELCA.

We have started a focus on stewardship by making pledge cards available and asking you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider your giving as you are budgeting for the year. By each of us making a pledge we will have a better idea of how much income we can expect. This will help us to make informed decisions about our giving to the ELCA and spending on our ministries. You may feel that there is not much you can do by yourself to help our budget, but if we increased our total giving by only 5% we would increase our income for the year by more than \$10,000. If your total giving is \$100 each month this would amount to an increase of \$5 per month, or about \$1.25 per week.

In order to help foster better coordination among ministries we are going to be holding a monthly ministries meeting night. The first meeting will be 6:00PM on February 10. We plan to share a meal and have a plenary session to talk about activities that may involve multiple ministries and then break out into the different committees to conduct their monthly meetings. This would allow for better coordination between the different ministries and the council, which could result in more efficient use of our time and resources.

We have gotten several requests to look at how we might hold single service Sundays more often. When we have one service, people seem to enjoy the fuller church and the opportunity to connect with people who may go to a different service. We are planning to conduct a survey of the congregation this spring to get input from all of you.

We are not expecting to go to one service permanently. Some of the things we need to consider is how often do we want to have one service, how do we accommodate our social hour and Sunday school when we have a single service, and what music and type of service do we have. At this point we are thinking that we would do our usual one service format this summer and then implement whatever plan we develop in the fall.

**Annual Meeting Update: Sue Shardelman and Tom Som were elected to serve as 2015 Synod Assembly Reps for Mt. Si Lutheran. The Synod Assembly will be May 15 & 16 at the Lynnwood Convention Center.**

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.

## Opportunities to Serve, Reach Out and Grow in Grace

All Committees will meet on the second Tues. of each month at 6PM to share a meal and discuss church goals with other ministries, then break into their individual committees. Anyone interested in hearing more about a committee is welcome to come and check it out.

Council meets at 7PM the third Tues. of the month.

# Annual Congregational Meeting

## Council President's Annual Report 2014

Overall 2014 was a busy year for Mt. Si Lutheran. We began the year without a youth director. After a search and recruiting effort we were able find and hire James Mehring. James started in February and has been a good addition for our youth and family programs as well for our music programs.

Early in the year our plan to host the Valley's homeless shelter did not work out. For several reasons the shelter stayed at the North Bend Community Church until the shelter closed for the season in March. Come fall we were able to host the shelter beginning in early December. In providing space for the program to feed and shelter our homeless neighbors we perform a very important ministry for our community.

In the summer we began a campaign to raise money to purchase an industrial dishwasher. Sufficient money was raised and the dishwasher was purchased in November. It will allow us to move away from using disposable dishes and flatware and begin to use the dishes that we already have. Over the long run this will improve our stewardship of the environment by greatly reducing the amount of trash we generate and send to landfills. It will also save us money that we will no longer need to spend on disposable dishes and flat ware.

We also held our usual summer fellowship activities. Early in August we had a progressive dinner and in mid-August we had a congregation camping trip. Both were well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. In September we participated in the "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday that was initiated by the national ELCA. We had three projects that member's contributed to. All those who participated felt that it was a worthwhile and rewarding experience. We are planning to do something similar this year around the Lenten season.

In October, we joined with Snoqualmie United Methodist Church and St Clare's Episcopal Church for a joint communion service followed by a lunch. The service was held at the Snoqualmie United Methodist Church. All three congregations were well represented and most people felt it was successful. Also in October we held our annual Harvest Carnival and invited the community to participate. It was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the chili cook off and the various contests for the kids.

We again struggled with the budget process this year. The council delayed presenting the budget to the congregation until December to allow time to thoroughly discuss our budget and assure we were making informed decisions on how our money should be spent. In the coming year we are planning to put together a work group to examine and revise our budget process. We hope to develop a process to have better coordination across all of our ministries committees. This will allow us to better prioritize our expenditures to assure that we are making the best use of our resources to meet our mission.

When I began the year as council president I had only been a member of Mt Si Lutheran for about a year and a half. I felt a little bit apprehensive because I did not know much about the history of the congregation, how the management was organized, or what the needs and desires of the congregation were. Thanks to the support of my fellow council members and the church staff I have learned a lot this year. As I enter into my second year as council president I hope to use what I have learned to better work with the council and congregation to keep Mt Si Lutheran a strong and viable body working to fulfill God's mission in our community and the world.

Submitted By: Jack Boller, Council President



Additional copies of the Annual Report packets are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Please pick up a copy and read about all of the exciting things going on at Mt. Si Lutheran



# The Spirit

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## Blame Game

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWWA Synod

"Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to see the beam of wood in your own?" -Matthew 7:3

One of the great challenges of living in my own skin is avoiding the blame game. Being right is so easy. Owning my own brokenness and cutting a little slack for my neighbor is so much harder.

I remember talking to a parole officer about his work. I asked him how good he thought he was at predicting who would make it on the outside and who would end up going back to the big house. His response came quickly. It is really quite easy to predict. If a guy is still blaming the institution or somebody else for his woes I can be sure he is headed back. It is the guy who takes responsibility for what has happened in his life who has a future.

I have become more keenly aware of how rare it is in conflicted situations for individuals to own their part of the conflict. I have made it a practice to ask the question, "Do you feel like you contributed to the conflict in any way?" It usually takes the person by surprise. Typically it is a perspective they haven't given much attention to. When asked they often rush right back into a litany of the other person's wrongs.

I know this to be true in my own life. I can be so focused on how wrong the other person is that I am blind to the part I play.

One of the consultants I worked with when I was in the congregation offered me another way of understanding how important it is to see the bigger picture when in a conflicted situation. His wisdom was not to avoid the resistance which is my natural pattern. He taught me to engage the resistance. Engage the resistance because within it you can discover some very helpful truths about the organization.

There often is so much noise in the resistance we fail to hear the truth. It takes disciplined listening to get past the noise. This is not easy to do when I am anxious, defensive, and my heart is pounding inside my chest.

Think of what this means for us as a country as we are wrestling with police shootings and increasing racial tensions. Depending upon your perspective it is very easy to assess blame. What is far more challenging is to discover the truths that all sides need to discover.

I know I am receiving good counsel when I vent my frustrations about how I feel someone has offended me when my counselor says to me, "What is it that you need to hear in this person's criticism of you?" I hate the question even though I know the advice is very sound.

We as Lutherans know by our very confession that we begin each day with a large beam in our own eye. We know that we have to daily flood our eyes with the waters of baptism in order to see at all.

If we want to avoid the big house, then we must listen to what the parole officer has learned. It is the truth that sets us free.

Synod Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Staff:

Rev Kirby Unti, Bishop

Rev Kathryn Buffum, Assistant to the Bishop

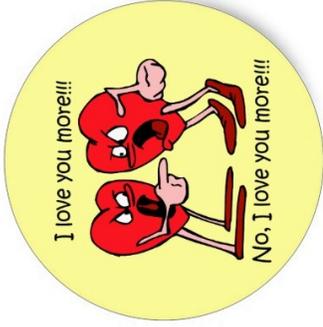
Rev Jerry Buss, Assistant to the Bishop & Director for Evangelical Mission

Rev Nancy Winder, Assistant to the Bishop

Margaret Spatafore, Synod Office Administrator

Susan Berg, Synod Relations Administrator

# February 2015



## Mount Si Lutheran Church Family and Youth Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Schedule of Events!</b></p> <p><u>Calendar Notes</u></p> <p>-We have our first Ministry Night on Tuesday Feb. 10th. The newly reformed Family &amp; Youth Committee will be apart of that. If you are interested in sitting in or being apart of that please come!!! Meal at 6pm, meetings start at 6:30pm.</p> <p>-Shrove Tuesday is going to be put on with more help from the Family and Youth Department this year! We will be looking for volunteers to come help set up and make pancakes. Please come and fill your bellies full of delicious food!</p> <p>-Our Annual Tubing and Tailgating is going to be on Feb. 21st at the Summit at Snoqualmie. We will meet in the parking lot <u>AT</u> the Summit at Snoqualmie and set up a common space to hangout and grill food. Please purchase your tickets ahead of time and bring a dish to pass! Feel free to bring family and friends.</p> 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Confirmation 5:45 pm Midweek Service 7:00 pm</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><u>All Ministries</u> meet for meal and Discussions 6:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Confirmation 5:45 pm Midweek Service 7:00 pm</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p> 
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Presidents Day</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner 6:00 pm</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Tubing &amp; Tailgating 6:00-8:30 pm</p> 
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Council Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm</p>  	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
				<p>*If you have any questions, feel free to contact me:</p> <p>jamesnmehring@gmail.com Or (262) 210-7392</p>		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<h1>Mt. Si Lutheran</h1>				
<b>1 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:15AM Trad. & 10:45AM Praise 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour	2 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  5:45-7:45PM GS Troop #43665	3	4 5:45PM Confirmation 7PM Worship  	5 Noon ELCA Pastors' study  4:30-6PM Girls Choir  7PM AA	6 <b>10AM Tentative carpet cleaning in Fellowship Hall</b>	7 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>8 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:15AM Trad. & 10:45AM Praise 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 6:30-8PM Cub Scouts Den #1	9 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  6:30-7:30PM Tiger Cubs Den #5  7PM SVFB meeting	10 6:30-7:30PM Boy Scout Den #4  <b>6:00PM All Ministries meet for meal and group discussions</b>	11 4-6 Teen Closet   5:45PM Confirmation 7PM Worship  	12 Noon ELCA Pastors' study  4:30-6PM Girls Choir  7PM AA	13 12:45-2:45PM GS Tr. #42385	14 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course  10AM-Noon CCSG  
<b>15 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 8:15AM Trad. & 10:45AM Praise 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour	<b>16 Holiday President's Day (offices closed)</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>    12:30PM Women's Bible Study	<b>17 6PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner</b>  	<b>18 Ash Wednesday 7:00P Worship</b>  	19 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study  4:30-6PM Girls Choir 7PM AA	20	21 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course  6-8:30PM Tubing & Tailgating at Snoqualmie Summit  
<b>22 First Sunday in Lent</b> 8:15AM Trad. & 10:45AM Praise 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour  	23 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  6:30-7:30PM Tiger Cubs Den #5	24 6:30-7:30PM Boy Scout Den #4  <b>7PM Council meeting</b>	25 <b>6PM Lenten Soup Supper</b>    <b>7PM Lenten Worship</b>	26 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study  4:30-6PM Girls Choir 7PM AA	27 12:45-2:45PM GS Tr. #42385	28 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course



# Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Feb. 1	Judy Stoddard	In Loving Memory of Penny Lance
Feb. 8	Emma Walker	In Loving Memory of Grandma Emma Willard
Feb. 15		
Feb. 22	Tom & Inge Burnside	In Honor of their Wedding anniversary



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2015**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

## Worship Assistants for February



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Feb. 1 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Feb. 8 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Feb. 15 Transfiguration of Our Lord	Feb. 22 First Sunday in Lent
Usher				
8:15AM	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Tom & Connie Som
9:30AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>			
10:45AM	Ed & Jane Benson	Mike Hanson Bob Bartlett	Tom Chase Mark Imsland	Mike Hanson Bob Bartlett
Counters	Kay Boyle Nancy Flanagan	Ed Benson	--Counters Needed--	
Communion Assistants				
8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Inge Burnside	Dave Franson	Kay Boyle
10:45AM	Debra Spurling	Rosemary Hanson	Joanne Chase	Rosemary Hanson
Lector				
8:15AM	Terry Adams	Tom Burnside	Suzie Franson	Betty Shardelman
10:45AM	Linda Velebir	Ed Benson	Joan Guenther	Suzy Cassidy
Cantor	Jack Boller	Dave Spurling	John Cassidy	Jack Boller

**Worship Assistants**  
If you are interested in assisting on Sunday mornings as Usher, Communion Assistant, Lector, or Acolyte, please call the office and speak to Sheila Rodriguez. She would be happy to add your name to the Worship Assistants list.

Please consider helping with the Sunday coffee hour at Mt. Si. It's a wonderful way to welcome and show fellowship to our members and guests. A sign up sheet is available during coffee hour.



# February Birthdays!




NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Etta Katocs	1	Dave Spurling	12
Edwin Benson	2	Annabelle Cassidy	13
Nancy Anderson	3	James Mehring	14
Blake Imsland	3	Mike Buckmaster	15
Paula Hower	6	Jenny Lynch	19
Jim Flanagan	10	Gavin Riley	19
Cole Van Gerpen	10	Lindsey Flanagan	19
Stuart King	12	Kelly Luna	20



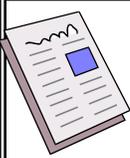
## Anniversaries!

Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Feb. 9
Brent & Dana Koukol	Feb. 15
Tom & Inge Burnside	Feb. 21



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](mailto: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](http://www.mtsilutheran.org).

### Hospitality Coffee Hour Fellowship and Worship Assistants



We like to encourage a combined fellowship/coffee hour between services in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30. We need volunteers to sign up for hosting the coffee hour. There is always a sign up sheet at the coffee hour. Sue Oster is our coordinator for the coffee hour fellowship. If you would like to help with our coffee hour fellowship, please contact Sue at 425 888-4056 or [sofficka@gmail.com](mailto:sofficka@gmail.com). Also, if you are interested in being a worship assistant, please call the office at 888-1322. Mt. Si needs you!

# Mount Si's Mission and Vision Statement

## THE MISSION OF MOUNT SI LUTHERAN IS:

~SERVING~

Mount Si Lutheran is a Christ centered community in service to others.

~REACHING OUT~

We are following Christ's Great Commission, bringing others to Christ through our love, our faith, our hope and our actions.

~GROWING IN GRACE~

As we grow in understanding of God's unconditional acceptance and forgiveness, we encourage others to grow in the biblical principles of faith, hope and love.

## THE VISION OF MOUNT SI LUTHERAN IS:

To develop ministries that encourage individual and group involvement in service, outreach and spiritual growth.

These ministries follow the Six Marks of Discipleship:

1.~Prayer

2.~Worship

3.~Reading the Bible

4.~Serving at and beyond Mount Si

5.~Spiritual Relationships

6.~Giving of our Time, Talents and Resources

We are a Christ Centered Community Located near Mount Si



### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:15AM Traditional Service

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:30-10:30AM Sunday School

9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed

10:45AM Praise Service

Fifth Sunday of the Month will be Healing Sunday

7:00PM Wednesday Evening Worship w/Holy Communion

### The Rev. G. Mark Griffith—Pastor

James Mehring—Family & Youth Ministry Director

Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant

Jack Boller—Council President

Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music

Lori Murton, Abigail Grimstad & Rachel Combs—Piano

Sue Oster—Custodian

Paula Hower—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

Church Office Hours: M-F 9AM-12Noon & 12:30-3:30 PM (office coverage may vary)

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