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Mount Si Lutheran Church

*To Serve
To Reach Out
To Grow In Grace*

GOODNEWSletter

SEPTEMBER 2025

God's Work. Our Hands.

Pastor's Note...

Grace and peace to you,
This fall I'm inviting us all on a journey through the book of Acts of the Apostles. Starting on Sept 7 and ending on Nov 23 we will hear and focus on lessons from the first 17 chapters of Acts in worship. Following worship we will spend time in conversation around various themes within the book of Acts and how we, as a church community, can learn from and enact some of what we see in these stories. Mid-week, on Wednesday evening from 6-7:30pm starting Sept. 17, all are invited to a Bible Study focusing on the whole book of Acts over 8 weeks.

My prayer for us as we spend time focusing on this part of Scripture is that we grow in mutual understanding of the text, learn new things about what it means to be church, remind ourselves of things we once knew about what it means to be followers of Jesus and to simply be open to how the Holy Spirit will use these lessons to open our eyes and hearts in ways we could never anticipate or imagine.

This will be a season to revel in wonder of the Holy Spirit, to remember what it was like for those first followers of Jesus and learn from their struggles and triumphs.

If you are not familiar with the book of Acts, that's ok! We are going to learn together. I will say that it is written by the same author who wrote the Gospel of Luke and can be read as a continuation of Luke's Gospel. It generally follows the movement of the early disciples as they seek to share the Gospel message far and wide. It involves early controversy among the believers and incredible stories of overcoming persecution.

Check out the new bulletin board in the Fellowship to get a sense of the timeline of Acts, see maps of the places it talks about and more!

I look forward to seeing what the Spirit will do through this time.

Peace,
Pastor Krista

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Capital Fund Fundraiser-New computers for the church and several new windows for the Parsonage are urgently needed. Our goal is \$20,000. Please write "Capital Fund" in the memo line of your check or provide a note with your donation so Leslie can accurately designate your contribution. There are green envelopes around the church that can be used for your special donations. Thank you!

Special Events in September



Gods Work. Our Hands. Sunday, Sept. 7

Get ready for a fun filled worship centered on service with service projects following worship. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck meal! The Daughters of Norway are providing coffee and cookies!



NEW ACTS Bible Study Starts - Wed. Sept. 17

All are welcome!
We begin a new Bible Study focusing on the book of Acts on Wednesday evenings beginning September 17th. This is an 8 week study that will conclude in early November. We will use materials from the Book of Faith study resource created by the ELCA. Want to know more? Talk with Pastor or Courtney A.



Friday, Sept. 12, 6pm @ Samm. Hills Special Speaker

We have an opportunity to hear from an extraordinary pastor, community organizer, visionary, and faith leader. Pastor John Rutsindintwarane will be at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church on **Friday, September 12 at 6:00**. There will also be a Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. Learn more about him on the next page!



Empty Bowl, SVFB Fundraiser, Sept. 21

Empty Bowls Luncheon & Bingo 12:00–2:00 PM (doors open at 11:30 AM) to support the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Location: North Fork Farm (43010 SE 79th St, Snoqualmie, WA 98065)



Saturday, Sept. 13 @ St. Andrew's 9:30-12:30pm

Interfaith for Impact: Uplifting Girls in East Africa This event offers a welcoming space for open dialogue across faiths, as we explore ways to help young girls build brighter futures and gain freedom from early marriage. To RSVP please follow this link: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/operationbootstrap-africa/event/interfaithforimpact/> See more info about the event on the next page!



Memorial for Paul Ritzenthaler

Saturday, September 27, 10am @ MSLC with a luncheon to follow.

Our mission: to serve, reach out & grow in grace...



Details: Special Event - Sat. Sept. 13th

OBA, in partnership with Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, warmly invites you and Mt. Si Lutheran Church to a special event that celebrates culture, connection, and the power of interfaith collaboration. "Interfaith for Impact: Uplifting Girls in East Africa" is an opportunity to come together, share stories, and learn how we can all support girls and women in East Africa—especially within the Maasai community—through education and empowerment.

The event includes:

- A Complimentary Chai & Mandazi Brunch to start the morning, followed by a delicious and free East African meal for lunch
- Meet Juliet Cutler, Author of "Lessons in Hope – A New Era for Maasai Women in Tanzania" – a chance to hear from her and get your own signed copy of this inspiring book
- Stories from Discovery Tour alumni, sharing their impactful experiences from Tanzania
- A Raffle featuring beautiful Tanzanian items such as shukas, jewelry, and other crafts
- And much more, including a shared commitment to global connection, cultural understanding, and spiritual enrichment.

Youth Events in the Fall

I ask parents to watch for a special email giving details on several upcoming youth events. These include a welcome event in September hosted by St. Andrew's, Game Nights, October Service Project hosted by Mt Si and the Fall Youth Retreat - Nov 7-9. We have monthly service and/or fellowship events being hosted by multiple congregations in our conference as part of our ELF youth ministry efforts. Questions? Please talk with

Pastor Krista

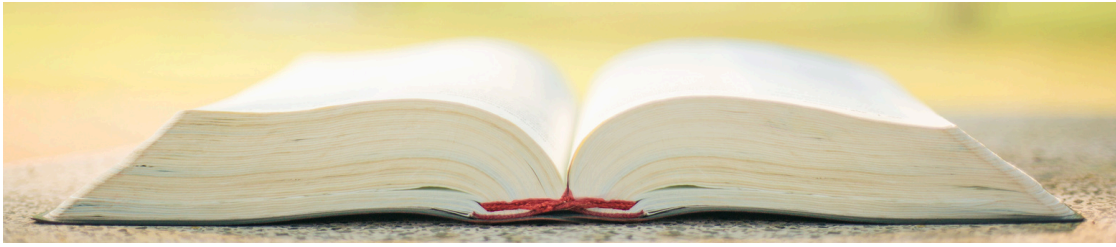


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While Pastor John is currently based in Rwanda (click here for a link to his full bio [HERE](#)), he is well known by Pastors Mark, Nyla and Larry Thomas. (Pastor Mark and John went to seminary together). They are all thrilled that we have the chance to learn from him in our own backyard. We are hoping to hear about his strategies and methods for community-based organizing. He will share with us effective ways that we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, can identify some of the unique needs in our Eastside community and how we can join together to help to address those needs. We believe his work and insight will be helpful to move us forward in our collaboration efforts.

He is in town for just a short time. Please do try to make it in person or let us know if you need a Zoom link. Mark this on your calendar!

Supporting one another in faith.....



Sunday Readings & Weekday Education Opportunities

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY LESSONS

September 7

First Lesson: Philemon 1-25

Second Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

September 14

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-19

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-13

September 21

First Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

Second Lesson: Acts 2:14-36

September 28

First Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

Second Lesson: Acts 2:37-47

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Men's Bible Study - Saturdays, 9am @
Little Si Restaurant.

Women's Bible Study - resumes Monday,
September 8th, 12:30pm.

Wednesday Bible Study - You are
welcome to a new Bible Study on
Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm
beginning September 17th. We will study the
book of Acts using the Book of Faith
materials from the ELCA.



Declan Haycox 2nd

Alisha Blakely 3rd

Kelsey Harding 6th

Stefan Van Handel 8th

Heidi Dukich 12th

Jane Benson 14th

Kim Buckmaster 25th

Lesia Tiongson 27th

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



Christopher & Lisa Sampson 2nd

Marge Bliss 7th

Paul & Heidi Dukich 8th

Charles & Jenny Lynch 22nd

John & Erica Haycox 25th

Flower Chart Sign-ups

**Please consider signing up to bring
flowers for our altar on Sunday morning.**

This can be in honor or memory of
a loved one or event in your life
or just because you enjoy flowers!

The flower chart is in the
Fellowship Hall hallway.
Thank you for your offering!



Northwest Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Bishop's Letter

September 2025

For the Life of the World was the theme of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, held July 28-August 2 in Phoenix, AZ. This theme is rooted in the Nicene Creed (this year celebrating its 1,700th anniversary) and in Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer's reminder that, "The church is the church only when it exists for others." The theme felt especially timely in today's environment where hateful words and actions continue to demean neighbors, sow division, and target the most vulnerable. While it was not done perfectly, and while there is always more work to do, I left Phoenix trusting that we have a shared commitment to walk in the way of Jesus: speaking truth in love, protecting the dignity of every person, and bearing public witness to God whose way is marked by justice, mercy, and peace for all people. In short: to live and move and act for the life of the world.

Here are a few highlights of what occurred during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Please click on the links or go to www.elca.org if you would like more information.

Actions

- We elected Pastor CeCee Mills as the new ELCA Secretary.
- We elected Bishop Yehiel Curry as the new Presiding Bishop.
- We adopted our newest Social Statement: Faith and Civic Life.
- We approved updates to the Human Sexuality Social Statement.
- We heard the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church's final report along with the ELCA Church Council's response to the report
- We adopted the Churchwide Memorial Toward Ending the Occupation of Palestine. (This memorial came about in part due to the Memorial we passed during the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly)
- We adopted a Memorial on Indian Boarding School Remembrance
- We received the Common Statement on the Filioque (this is regarding the Nicene Creed)
- We made Constitution revisions that I encourage you all to read as they become available. I am especially grateful for the new revisions concerning on-leave-from-call for Rostered Ministers.
- We thanked Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Secretary Sue Rothmeyer for their ministry and service.

Worship, Education, and Social Opportunities

• We worshiped every day in a variety of ways, we prayed before every significant vote, and we had a chaplain available. It is always a highlight to join in singing with over 1000 Lutherans!

- We participated in a Powwow that was moving and educational. Bishop Eaton received a blanket representing thanksgiving for her advocacy with the indigenous peoples of this country.
 - AMMPARO held a Candlelight Prayer Vigil to pray and advocate for refugees and immigrants. It was heartening to see elected officials and interfaith leaders present at this as well as ELCA voting members.
 - Our synod joined voting members and guests from the Southwestern Texas Synod (our domestic companion synod) for a wonderful dinner and conversation.
 - Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer, Rector and Dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, led a beautiful reflection on the Nicene Creed for today.
- I am thankful for the nine voting members from the NWWA Synod who attended and gave of their time and attention at the Churchwide Assembly. Additionally, many others from our synod went as observers, resource people, advisors, volunteers, and more.

In my reflection of this assembly, I continue to hear Martin Luther's words (as quoted by Rev. Dr Chad Rimmer in his keynote). As Dr. Rimmer stated:
 Luther knew justification as a process of becoming. ... Luther writes, "This life, therefore, is not righteousness but growth in righteousness, not health but healing, not being but becoming...we are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road; all does not yet gleam with glory, but all is being purified." Defense and Explanation of All the Articles
 May it be so. For the Life of the World.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org

MSLC Finance Update

General Fund Income from Jan-July:
 \$105,501
 Expenses for Jan-July:
 \$107,291
 Net Loss Jan-July:
 \$-1,790

Please note - we have received over \$1000 from the noisy offering collected each first Sunday of the month for our upcoming Belize mission. THANK YOU! Next noisy offering is on **September 7th**

MSLC Council Update

Council met after worship on Sunday, August 24th. Financial Report were received and several items were shared by Tom Chase, Stewardship and Finance Chair, that needed council attention. Council voted to make changes to some of our current software to bring us inline with partners congregations for ease of shared ministry. Council voted to move the recent \$15,000 in memorial gifts to a 9mo. CD. Council also set the November Annual meeting of **Sunday, Nov. 23** following worship. Team reports were received. Thank you all for your faithful ministry!

2025

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 FM, 3:30-7:30pm AA, 7-9pm	5	6 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest.
7 Worship, 9:30am God's Work. Our Hands. AA, 6-9pm	8 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm MVP - 1-4pm	9 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	10 MVP - 9-1pm MVP - 1-4pm GS 4115, 5-7pm	11 MVP - 9-1pm FM, 3:30-7:30pm AA, 7-9pm	12 MVP - 9-1pm MVP - 1-4pm Guest Speaker @ SHLC, 6pm	13 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest. Daughters of Norway 10-12:30, FH
14 Worship, 9:30am AA, 6-9pm	15 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm MVP - 1-4pm	16 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am	17 MVP - 9-1pm MVP - 1-4pm Acts Study, 6-7:30pm	18 MVP - 9-1pm GSSU, 6-9pm AA, 7-9pm	19 MVP - 9-1pm MVP - 1-4pm	20 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest.
21 Worship, 9:30am AA, 6-9pm	22 MVP - 9-1pm Quilters - 9:30am WB - 12:30pm MVP - 1-4pm	23 MVP - 9-1pm PG, 9:30am Pastor on Vacation	24 MVP - 9-1pm MVP - 1-4pm GS 4115, 5-7pm Acts Study, 6-7:30pm Pastor on Vacation	25 MVP - 9-1pm AA, 7-9pm Pastor on Vacation	26 MVP - 9-1pm MVP - 1-4pm SVFB Board Meeting - 12:30-2pm	27 Men's Bible Study, 9am Little Si Rest.
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Sept. Monthly Gatherings

Girl Scout Service Unit (GSSU)

Thursday, Sept. 18, 6-9pm
(3rd Thursday)

Fellowship Hall

SVFB Board Meeting

Friday, Sept. 26, 12:30-2pm

(4th Friday)

Multi-Purpose Room

Sept. Weekly Gatherings:

Prayer Gathering (PG)

Tuesdays, 9:30am, in Prayer Room

Women's Bible Study (WB)

Mondays, 12:30pm,
Multi-Purpose Room

Men's Bible Study

Saturdays, 9am, Little Si Restaurant

Mountain Valley Preschool (MVP)

M-F - 9-1pm & M,W,F 1-4

Acts Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm

Multipurpose Room

Sept. Weekly Gatherings

Cont.

Girl Scout Troop (GS 4115)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 5-7pm in FH

AA

Thursdays from 7-9pm

Sundays from 6-8pm

Luther's Lounge

Farmer's Market (FM)

Thursdays, 4-8pm, Si View Park