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# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## July 2019

### Key Dates:

**Thursday**  
**Farmer's**  
**Market Mt Si**  
**Booth 4-8pm**  
**June 6th —**  
**September 12th**  
Come say Hi!

**July 4th**  
Independence  
Day

**July 4th**  
Birthday Lunch

**July 5th**  
Office Closed In  
Observance of  
Independence  
Day

**July 9th**  
Council Meeting

**July 28th-Aug**  
**1st**  
**VBS!**

**July 29th —**  
**Aug 2nd**  
9am-12pm  
Office Hours

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### Pastor's Note.....

Good day!

As we enter the summer schedule of the church we are not slowing down! There are many ways to stay involved and connected throughout the summer. During worship on Sunday we are going to be exploring scripture that many of us have never read before. We will be looking at the writings of Suzanna, Bell and the Dragon and Tobit. These are writings, like Jonah and Ruth, that tell one complete story of an individual or family who are called upon by God during difficult times to take action to defend God's people by completely trusting that God is present despite all evidence to the contrary. There is humor in these stories as well as deep sorrow. All the ways we are reminded again and again of God's persistent presence with us. These writings were not originally translated by Luther because the manuscripts he had of these writings were in Greek and so he initially set them aside to work on later, which he did. These are books that you will find in the pew Bibles of a Catholic, Orthodox and many Episcopalian churches. They are still considered sacred texts, but have not always been seen as central as the canon of Scripture most Lutherans and Protestants are familiar with. This will be a great time for us to gather around these texts together to learn how other faithful people have recounted the stories of God's immense love and commitment to humanity and the incredible call God gives us in the most challenging points of our collective history.

In mid-August we will move to a new topic. I invite you to keep an open mind and heart as I trust the Spirit can always speak through the telling of God's work in and among God's people.

Peace, Pastor Krista



**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

"God's work. Our hands." is Sunday, September 8, 2019. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We are currently beginning to plan for the 3-4 service projects on this day!

Would you like to help plan this day of service or do you have a great idea of a project we can do in the community or at the church? See Pastor Krista or Courtney Adams.

# JUNE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS!



## Dinner & Faith

Is taking a break for the month of July. We will meet back starting August 7th



## VBS Adventures in Narnia

July 28th-August 1st 6-8pm

Ages 4yrs old –5th grade

The Best Week of the Summer!

- New Friends
- Creative games
- Surprising adventures
- Amazing experiments
- Tasty treats
- Incredible music



Thirsty for Theology  
Thursday

**Thursday, July 11th 7:00pm**  
**@ the Parsonage**

All are welcome to join in friendly conversation on various theological topics. No expertise necessary! This is a time to listen to each other and be challenged by various opinions and experiences. Questions? Ask Pastor Krista!



Serving at the Food Bank  
9am

Volunteers are always welcome to help serve at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Sign ups are in the Narthex on the Sign-Up Board

## ONGOING GATHERINGS...

**Women's Bible Study** every Monday afternoon from 12:30-2:00pm.

**Men's Bible Study and Breakfast** every Saturday morning @ Country Pride Restaurant at 8am

**Monthly Birthday Celebration** happens the first Thursday of every month at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. Celebrate the birthdays of the current month with cake, conversation and lunch

**Quilters** gather every Tuesday at 9:30am to make quilts for LWR.

**Prayer Shawls & Needlework** group meets every Thursday at Mt Si Golf Course at 9:30am

**Women's Ministry** is taking the month of July off. See you in August!



**9:30am- June 30th—Sept 8th**  
**Services at Mt Si Lutheran**



# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THROUGHOUT JUNE

## Waterhouse Rope Course!



## Sundae Sunday



THAT  
JENGA  
TOWER  
THOUGH!



Outdoor Summer  
Worship Kick Off!



# CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY

Summer is upon us and one of the fun facts about this congregation is the willingness to play! From building a Hula Hoop tower to playing a giant game of Jenga at the church picnic, it became obvious that all ages enjoy a little bit of a challenge and the thrill of competition! Our CYF (Children, Youth, and Family) ministry is well represented by all members of Mt Si Lutheran. The month of July includes planning for and running VBS, preparing for a variety of fall ministry opportunities, and spending as much time with youth at events like the Farmers Market, Block Party, Parade, Festival at Mt Si, and other activities. Our children and youth will be connecting with each other and adults through all of these activities as well as through other events.

## What to expect for the months of July and August

Vacation Bible School volunteer orientation and a quick look, July 7, after church – 12:30pm: In preparation for VBS we will gather as volunteers 2 times prior to the week of. My hope is that everyone can make at least one of these dates. This time will be used to check in to make sure everyone is aware of what is expected and that all our details are covered.

Wallaby Farm July 14, 11:30am – 2:30pm: Come and join us at the Wallaby Farm in Carnation, \$15 per person lunch included (scholarships always available please see John Grebe or Pastor Krista). For pictures and more information about the farm check out their website <http://www.wallabyranch.org/>.

Block Party July 20, 12-11pm

This year for the Block Party we will have a booth with crafts, cold brewed coffee, homemade root beer, and a game of pin the steeple on the chapel. We will need volunteers to be at the booth, a sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex.

Vacation Bible School volunteer orientation a final look, July 21, after church – 12:30pm: This time will be used to check in to make sure everyone is aware of what is expected and that all are details are covered.

Vacation Bible School Set up July 27, 10am

Adventures in Narnia / Vacation Bible School! July 28-August 1

If you are interested in helping and have not had a background check please talk with Pastor Krista or John! We are looking for a few people to sign up for being a registrar and guides for the groups of kids. We need a few more trees and we will be requesting snack donations through out the month of July!

Mt. Si Festival August 9-11: We continue to get involved in more ways within the North Bend community! We have been asked to sponsor the Kids Fun Zone. We will be getting more details soon!

Parade / Mt. Si Festival Saturday August 10: Our theme will be Adventures in Narnia. Details still to come but most likely we will be gathering at the park at 9:15 to be ready for the parade at 10a!

# COUNCIL CORNER

Council Report.....

## 2019 Council

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Summertime is here! As we travel and visit friends and family, we are reminded of God's love. The beauty of the place we travel to and the kindness we see. As we begin our summertime worship together, we get to gather as a family in Christ. Our worship services will be at 9:30am with fellowship to follow.

Our beautiful new roofs are complete and paid in full! Our final total for the roofs was \$112,417.32. We generously raised \$99,552.74. If you are still interested in contributing to the roof fund, we welcome any contributions to continue to offset the remaining amount.

This summer we have many wonderful activities and volunteer opportunities.

- Si View Farmers Market- Thursdays 4-8 pm starting June 6th – Sign-up sheet in Narthex

- North Bend Block Party -July 20th -Pastor Krista or John Grebe

- Festival at Mt Si Parade -August 10th -Pastor Krista or John Grebe

- Vacation Bible School July 28-August 1 – John Grebe

- Backpacks Program for Snoqualmie Valley Kids- Janey Benson

- Books for Kids-Enid Gast & Leslie Hatling: Distribution of Backpacks and Books will be August 14th & 21st please look for sign ups.

As a council we also discuss three ongoing topics of exploration in our faith community. The first is that we gave permission to Pastor Krista to work with a team from Building and Grounds and Worship and Music to explore the replacement or partial replacement of the sound tile in the sanctuary with the goal of improving the musical acoustic quality of the space. This is just an information gathering stage. No action will be taken without conversations with the congregation. We also gave permission for Pastor Krista to look into the shortening or removal of one to two pews to create wheelchair / walker seating within the sanctuary space. The goal is to create a more friendly and accessible worship space for those who need it. Have ideas? Talk to Pastor. Finally, we asked Pastor Krista, on behalf of Council and Parish Ed to send a letter to the congregation regarding a proposed change in worship/ education/fellowship in the Fall-Spring. If you did not receive a letter, please contact the office and we will get a copy to you ASAP.

Blessings and safe travels this summer,  
Erica Haycox and family

Fundraising Goal: \$100,000 to replace the roofs

**Reach for the Stars Roof Fund Update!**

**We are almost 90% of the way! Only \$12,117 to GO! We Give Thanks for all that has been raised so far! Thanks Be to God!**

**STAFF NOTE**—Your staff is working to boost our communication skills! With a new directory on the way this will help, but over the next few months you will hopefully notice our communication experiments...our goal is keep everyone informed!





## UNIQUE UPCOMING EVENTS

# Mark Your Calendar

### IMPORTANT EVENTS IN JULY

**July Worship Schedule**—ONE Worship at 9:30am

**July 20th**—North Bend Block Party—we will have a booth again this year!

**July 28-Aug 1st**—Vacation Bible School; Adventures in Narnia! Register NOW online!

### IMPORTANT EVENTS IN AUGUST

**August 10th** - Festival at Mt Si parade! We will have a float again this year in the parade...want to help? Please contact the office!



### Please sign-up to help staff the Mt Si Lutheran Block Party Booth!

This year we will have

- Cold Brew Coffee
- Homemade Root Beer
- Crafts- Button Making!
- Pin the cross on the steeple
- Face painting

Let's have some fun!



**Grand Parade**  
**Aug 10, 2019**  
**10:30 am**

Parade Line-up is at Torguson Park  
Parade Entry Check-in: 8:30-9:30 am  
Kiddie Parade Line-up: 9:30 am

On North Bend Way, right through the heart of downtown  
Parade entry registration forms and more information available at  
<https://www.festivalatmtsi.org/parade.php>



## Northwest Washington Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



### Saying Goodbye Isn't Easy

By Bishop Kirby Unti

As a little boy, I learned that saying goodbye is not easy. We had visited cousins in Michigan for the first time. It was an exciting week meeting new family members and playing with our cousin. When it was time to go we packed everything into our 1960 Oldsmobile and then stood outside to say our goodbyes. I was not prepared for the flood of emotions that came over me. I discovered what it meant to become "choked up" and I was fighting back the tears. What was this all about? What I didn't know then, but I have discovered in life's journey, is leaving is a constant pattern. It begins with labor and leaving our mother's womb as we enter the world with that first bawling cry. Crying crafted for the purpose of breathing in our first breaths of our new world. For the fortunate, we settle into the comfort of our parent's loving arms where we are fed, nurtured and strengthened for what will lie ahead. It will not be the last time we are birthed. There would be a smattering of miniature leavings -like mom going to the grocery store without me or being left in the care of a babysitter. I don't doubt these leavings came with labor for mom and tears for me. The big leaving would happen when it came time to head off for kindergarten. I went to Mr. & Mrs. Black's Kindergarten in Jamestown, North Dakota. It was hosted in their home and we each had our little rug for nap time. The coolest part is we were picked up by Mr. Black in his big station wagon that had a favored seat all the way in the back. While my memories are fond, I am told I did not go easily. Remember leaving involves labor and

tears and I was leaving as a five-year-old into an unknown world. Leaving is always preparation for the next time of leaving and there would be many all filled with anticipation, anxiety and joy. One of the hardest was heading off to Kenmore Junior High School. I had been warned by my older brother's friends of all the horrors that awaited me. The most joy-filled leaving was when I drove away at sixteen for the first time, sporting my own driver's license. The constant of leaving would include heading off to college, seminary, single to married, parenthood, and the cycle starts over again accompanying our children through their leavings. Then there is death. My most powerful leaving experience. A sacred time of labor and crying. A sacred time of grief and joy. In death, I discovered that a person's life becomes magnified. All that they stood for and shared is now seen and heard more clearly. Jesus, put it this way, "I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. "How often I have learned this lesson -that Spirit comes in the experience of leaving. I will miss you and I will miss my monthly Spirit article which has given me a chance to share with you how I see God at work in our world. Come, Holy Spirit!!!

## SERVING SUNDAY

**Ambur is going on vacation from July 29th—August 2nd. If you would like to volunteer to work in the office from 9am-12pm she would greatly appreciate that! Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex or you may email her or call the office.**

**mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org**

**425-888-1322**

**Thank you!**

### Worship Assistant Sign-ups

A reminder that sign-ups for worship assistants are in the Narthex on clip boards for the months of June, July and August.

Please take a moment to sign-up so we can provide needed materials prior to worship. We will continue to try out this new way of sign-ups for the next few months. You are also welcome to call Ambur in the office to sign-up.

THANK YOU for your service!

**Sunday Prayer List in Bulletins:** Just a reminder that if you wish a name to be added to the Sunday prayer list, please call Ambur in the office. Please indicate if you wish this person to be left on indefinitely or if this is a short term prayer request. We generally keep names on for at least three weeks unless we are asked to do otherwise. Thank you!



### Altar Flowers



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2019**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

### Worship Assistants For July

Date/Time	Lector	Ushers	Communion	Acolyte
July 7th, 9:30am				
July 14th, 9:30am	Tom Burnside		Inge Burnside	
July 21st, 9:30am	Brenda Davis			Molly Davis
July 28th, 9:30am	Ed Benson			

#### Counters

July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28





# JULY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Happy Independence Day</b> <b>11:30am Bday Lunch</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Office closed</i>	<b>6</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
<b>7</b> <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>8</b> <b>12:30pm</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Council Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>6pm</b> BSA #456	<b>11</b> <b>9:30am</b> Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt Si Golf Course <b>4-8pm</b> Farmer's Market <b>6pm</b> AA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
<b>14</b> <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>15</b> <b>12:30pm</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6pm</b> BSA #456	<b>18</b> <b>9:30am</b> Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt Si Golf Course <b>4-8pm</b> Farmer's Market <b>6pm</b> AA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride  <b>NB Block Party</b>
<b>21</b> <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>22</b> <b>12:30pm</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6pm</b> BSA#456	<b>25</b> <b>9:30am</b> Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt Si Golf Course <b>4-8pm</b> Farmer's Market <b>6pm</b> AA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
<b>28</b> <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>29</b> <b>12:30pm</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>9am-12pm</b> Office Hours	<b>30</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> Office Hours  <b>VBS</b>	<b>31</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> Office Hours  <b>6pm</b> BSA #456	<b>1</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> Office Hours  <b>9:30am</b> Needle art at Mt Si Golf Course <b>4-8pm</b> Farmer's Market <b>6pm</b> AA	<b>2</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> Office Hours	



## **NAME THE WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATE!**

Side story... Pastor Krista's last church in Upstate New York had a weekly update called the "Upstate Update". When we discuss our weekly update, we call it "Constant Contact" because that is the website we use for it. Well, she often accidentally calls it "Upstate Update" because we don't have a fun and catchy name. So we are now putting on a contest to name our weekly update something fun and catchy. We will be posting each week on the update the submissions and once we have more than 10 options, we will add a "poll" for everyone to vote.

Lets get everyone involved!

If you would like to add a submission please email Ambur at [mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org](mailto:mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org)

Keep an eye on your emails each week to see when it will be time to vote!

So far we have

MSL at a Glance

Luther's Portal

Mid-Week Menu

The Portal

The Happenings

Weekly Tapestry

Weekly Weave

Luther's Scroll

# VBS ADVENTURES IN NARNIA

July 29th-August 1st 6-8pm  
Ages: 4yrs old thru 5th grade

**Free!**

Go to our website to sign up  
[www.mtsilutheran.org](http://www.mtsilutheran.org)

## Volunteer and Donation Opportunities!

Greeters and Guides needed. Please see sign-ups in the Narthex

Sign-ups for snack donations in the Fellowship Hall

*Thank you for all your help!*



# COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



Paul Hermansen      July, 01

Tom Burnside      July, 10

\*We apologize for any birthdays we have been missed. We will be working with all members soon to make sure all our records are up to date.

*Happy Anniversary*

Tom & Joanne Chase      July, 01

Mike & Kay Kober      July, 07

Herman & Tillie Schlaht      July, 23

Don & Sue Oster      July, 30



## 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.

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*Are you interested in contributing to the newsletter?  
Please contact the church office and let us know!  
We are happy to include your articles and stories.  
Peace to you!*