

Special Points of Interest:

- Nov. 8th—11:45AM  
Congregational Meeting/  
Potluck & Stewardship Prog.
- Nov. 10th—6PM All  
Committee Meeting
- Nov. 15th-22nd—Operation  
Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- Nov. 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st  
Photo Directory Sessions
- Nov. 26th & 27th—Happy  
Thanksgiving (offices closed)
- Nov. 29th—9:30AM Worship  
and Family Advent Festival

# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## November 2015

From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

### *The Practice of Gratitude*



In November we start to aim our thoughts towards the holidays. The word *holiday* has its roots in Old English. You can still hear the ring of the original translation—holy day. And these are holy days that are approaching. Thanksgiving, although technically not a Christian holiday, seems to be the gateway to the holiday season. And I don't believe we in the church should be too caught up on the technicality of it not being an official church holy day. It is an opportunity for us to join with our friends, neighbors, and communities to give thanks for what we have. To take stock of what is important in our lives.

Gratitude is the practice that leads to contentment. The great big trick that we all fall for is we believe more stuff, better friends, or a faster car, will lead to contentment but it won't. In fact all it leads to is a greater sense of lack or discontentment. I think the path to feeling content in the world starts with gratitude. When you practice gratefulness you intentionally notice the things you have for which you are grateful. They may be things that give you pleasure or are useful. Your gaze quickly moves beyond the stuff of your life and towards people. People for whom you are grateful, you are glad they are in your life.

And it is a *practice*. You have to be diligent and disciplined in the practice of gratitude. So many voices in our world would lead you to believe you are not good enough, you don't have enough, you don't hang out with the right people, or buy the right stuff. Sometimes you need to be a strict adherent to the practice of gratitude, even when you don't *feel* like it. That is not to say we should be content with a bad situation but even as we might work to change we can find things for which we are grateful in the midst. Be persistent in the practice of finding things for which you are grateful—start with the simple.

Thanksgiving is the gateway to the season of the holy days. A few days after Thanksgiving we start the season of Advent. And the orientation of gratitude still applies. Even as we join in the drama of waiting for our savior to be born we are grateful for God's presence and promise in our midst. We are grateful for the community of those who wait. Advent is a beautiful time of preparing and looking to what the future holds with hope.

Join me in this practice of honoring the holy days that are ahead. Practice gratitude and look at the world with hope and expectation.

**GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS GOOD**  
His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

Psalm 106:1



**Advent Sunday**  
**Nov. 29th**  
**9:30AM Worship**  
**Family Advent**  
**Festival**  
**10:30AM**

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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”.

*As our congregation considers the proposed budget for 2016, and as we all look to the extra expenses associated with the upcoming holidays, it is important that we ask God to guide us in our financial decisions. We need God’s direction to be good stewards of the resources we have been given. The prayer below helps us put our financial choices in God’s hands. You are encouraged to pray this way.*

**ARE YOU STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY? (2)**

**“All these things shall be added unto you.” (Matt. 6:33)**

Pray: Heavenly Father, Your Word says, øSeek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.ø You are well able to take care of my financial situation; You know what needs to be done. Direct my steps (See Pr. 3:5-6). Help me remember that Your resources are meant to flow freely from the place of abundance to the place of need (See 2 Co. 8:14). I believe you have a financial plan for my life, and when fear of the future threatens to overwhelm me, I will hope continually and praise you more and more (See Ps. 71:14). As You walk with me through this crisis and I stay focused on You, You promised to keep me in perfect peace (See Isa. 26:3). Forgive me for worrying. I cast all my cares on You right now (See 1 Pet. 5:7)í I donøt have to bear these burdens on my owní I lay them down and receive Your divine rest (See Mt. 11:28). You promise to supply all my needs (See Php. 4:19); that itø Your good pleasure to give me the [blessings and benefits of Your] kingdom (See Lk. 12:32). You told me not to worry about anything and instead to make my needs known to You with thanksgiving (See Php. 4:6-7). I know Youøll take care of tomorrow because You are Jehovah-jireh, my provider (See Mt. 6:34). You know *what* I need and *when* I need ití Youøre the God of more than enough (See Eph. 3:20). Thank you for meeting my every need, and for the sense of peace and security Youøre imparting to me. In Jesusøname. Amen.ø

*(From: The Word for You Today devotional, entry for July 18, 2015.)*



**ADVENT CELEBRATION**  
 Sunday, Nov. 29th only one  
 service at 9:30AM followed  
 by Family Advent Festival at  
 10:30AM. Come make crafts,  
 make your family Advent  
 wreath and help decorate the  
 church. All ages will have plenty to do. It will  
 be a church wide family event, and we hope  
 everyone will participate. Don't miss it!



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**  
**Kick-off Nov. 15th**  
 Christmas is all about giving. Once again, our church is providing you with an opportunity to share Jesus Christ with a needy child through Operation Christmas Child. This program brings joy and happiness to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of Godø love. This year Mt. Siø collection deadline is Nov. 22nd. Informational brochures will be available in the Fellowship Hall as well as Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Take a shoebox or bring one of your own. Sample boxes will also be on display soon.

## Parish Education News!

Sunday School has begun and we are excited for the year ahead. 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 2015-2016 School Year:**

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

### **Adult Class**

The adults are once again meeting together on Sunday mornings with Pastor Mark as our discussion leader. The current discussion topic is "Sabbath". We are using Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now by Walter Brueggemann (ISBN: 9780664239282) as the basis of discussion. It is an interesting and challenging book. Bring your Bible, grab a cup of coffee, and join us in the library for lively conversation! We start at 9:45 am.

### **Family Advent Festival**

**November 29<sup>th</sup>** Mark your calendars for the first Sunday of Advent. There will only be one service that day, at 9:30AM so our annual Advent Festival will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Please plan to join us for food, fun, advent wreath making, and so much more!

**WANTED:** Worship & Music is seeking an individual or several individuals who would be interested in creating and managing the slides for Sunday Worship. Training will be provided. If interested, please speak to Andy Velebir or call the office to inquire.



## Sunday School Offering!

This year our Sunday school and Adult Education classes are donating their offering to Heifer International. Every week we pray over our offering and discuss where it will go and how it will help others. It allows the children to see and understand that there are people in need and they can make a difference. Alone our money may not do much but together as a community - it can change lives! We are looking forward to doing some projects throughout the year that will help us understand our impact on the world. For September and October our money is going to donate chicken flocks!

About Heifer International: Heifer International is a nonprofit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty and caring for the Earth. Heifer currently provides livestock, trees, seeds and training in environmentally sound agriculture to families in 30 countries, including the United States. We work with smallholder farming families and communities because we believe they are key to feeding us all.

\*If you are interested in donating or in helping us explore this wonderful charity with our students please see Debbie Jones or Courtney Adams



**LIBRARY NEWS**—The Library display table has books helping us show thanks at this time of Thanksgiving. We have children's books and books of prayer which includes a book new to our Library— Praying for Your Elephants. Also, new to the Library is a non-fiction book by Debbie Macomber— God's Guest List. Debbie has written true stories that show us the influences the guests that God brings into our lives have on us. Check out the FREE Book Cart! If we can help you find a book or 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.



**Mamma's Hands/House of Hope—Can you Help? If so...Please call: 206 915-2073.** House of Hope Wish List: Twin sheet sets, twin comforters, pillows. Bath towels, wash cloths, bath mats, shower curtains. Kitchen towels, paper towels. Anti-bacterial wipes, baby wipes, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products. Full-size shampoo & conditioner. You can bring these items to the church and we will deliver them to the House of Hope.



**Volunteers Needed:**

*Women's ministry is looking for someone to oversee the House of Hope/Mama's Hand Thanksgiving gift card offering and Christmas Giving Tree Project. The time commitment is minimal for this very uplifting holiday service project. Help make the holidays brighter for some very deserving mothers and children! Interested? Contact Courtney Adams*



**Lutheran Marriage Encounter Fall 2015—November 6-8, 2015 in Renton, WA  
Life-long Learning and Development**

In your work life, do you ever turn down an opportunity to attend a personal development seminar? Do you say, "what I know is good enough," or "there is nothing left for me to learn"? We didn't think so. See what you can learn from a Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information or to apply for a weekend, visit the Lutheran Marriage Encounter web site [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact Carl & Dallas Anne Presley 206-522-6849 [carl.presley@comcast.net](mailto:carl.presley@comcast.net)



**Quilters Need Material**—The Quilting Ministry is in need of 100% cotton fabric. They prefer dark or patterned sheets, any size. You can bring it by the church during regular office hours. If you are interested in joining the quilting ministry, please speak to Nancy Anderson, Barbara Touchette, Pat Palmer or Laura Ritzenthaler.



*Community In Action*

[www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org](http://www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org)

Help us maintain a healthy community and provide food to our neighbors in need. Be part of a community in action.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
Every Wednesday  
9:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.  
No Appointment Necessary  
122 E 3rd St  
North Bend, WA 98045  
Located next to the King County Library in North Bend

**FOOD DONATIONS**  
Non-Perishable Donations  
Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Wednesday from 9 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.  
Perishable Foods  
Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.  
Wednesday from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Bring donation to food bank located at  
122 E 3rd St North Bend, WA 98045

# Meet your 2015 Council Members

<b>President</b> Jack Boller 2015 (1) Email: jboller2@comcast.net	<b>Vice President</b> Heidi Dukich 2015 (1) Email: hedukich@hotmail.com	<b>Secretary</b> Kelly Luna 2016 (1) Email: ksluna@gmail.com	<b>Treasurer</b> Annual Renewal Lori Murton Email: l_murton@hotmail.com
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Paul Ritzenhaller 2015 (1) Email: paul.ritz@comcast.net	<b>Council Corner!</b>		Debbie Spurling 2016 (1) Email: angeltender@hotmail.com

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

As we move through the fall season towards Advent we have many important decisions to make for the future of our mission. These include the direction we want take with our family and youth program, the future use of the parsonage, and establishing a sustainable budget and funding process. We will hold a congregational meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> to vote on the budget and elect new council members as well as vote on the homeless shelter. We will also take time at this meeting to discuss and get input from the congregation on the options for use of the parsonage and for the future of our family and youth program.

Instead of having a separate meeting, we have decided to have the Stewardship and Finance Committee take time at the congregational meeting to provide information on the actual costs to operate the church and conduct our mission work in the valley and the world. We will also identify important building and grounds projects that we need to do to maintain our facilities. We will also be exploring ideas on how to raise funds above our normal giving for some of these projects.

Work continues on necessary improvements to the parsonage. On October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> the old underground heating oil tank was decommissioned and replaced with a new above ground tank. We are exploring our options with the septic system and a final decision will be made once we decide on the future use of the parsonage. We continue to be in contact with Life Enrichment Options (LEO) regarding the possibility of using the parsonage as a group home for developmentally disabled adults. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> a group of Mt. Si Lutheran members toured one of the homes sponsored by LEO. All of us who participated were favorably impressed by what we saw.

We have been told by the Congregations for the Homeless group that they have found two other churches to team with us to provide winter shelter for the homeless in our area. The final schedules and other details are being worked out and, as mentioned above, we will have a proposal to present for a vote at the congregational meeting.

We will have at least two council positions to fill for next year. Council meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The term is three years with the option to extend for a second three year term. Your term would begin in January 2016. If you are a member of Mt. Si Lutheran and interested in serving on the council, please contact me, Pastor Mark, or any of the council members.

We are continuing our monthly Committee Night meetings. This is a good way to participate in the life of our church. We start with Pizza at 6:00 and business begins at 6:30. Our next meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there.



**Please be sure to schedule your portrait appointment to be included in our new Pictorial Directory. If you want a family portrait but do not wish to be in the church directory, that is fine as well. See pg. 8 for details.**

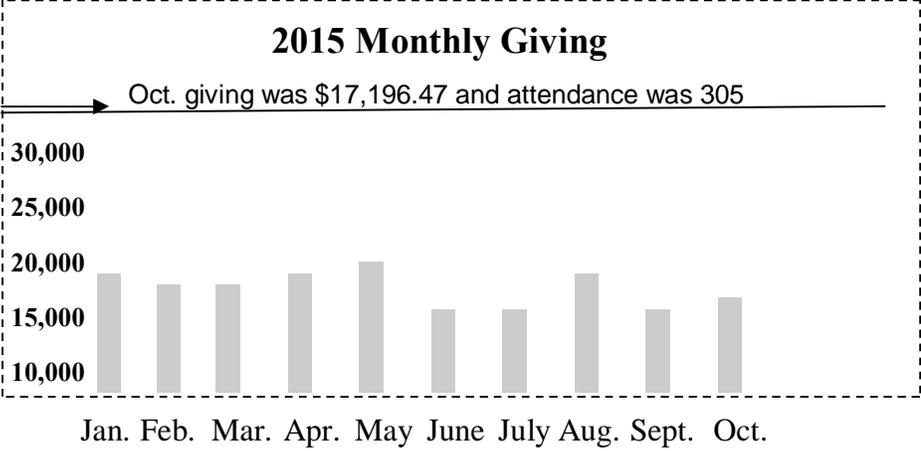


**November 8, 2015  
Congregational Meeting  
& Potluck at 11:45AM**

All are welcome! Voting members are encouraged to attend so we have a quorum for voting on the 2016 Budget and other important items. Please plan to join us!

# F.Y.I.

You may contribute to the newsletter by submitting your articles to the church office by email, snail mail, or a simple phone call. The Deadline for submissions is the **THIRD MONDAY** of each month, except when earlier deadlines are required due to holidays, etc.



**FREE BRICKS!**  
When we removed an old chimney at the church

awhile back, we saved the bricks, but now anyone who wants them can come and get them. Please contact Tom Som, someone on Building & Grounds, or call the office if interested.

### Automate Your Giving

Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the Simply Giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Forms are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall or contact the office. Forms should be returned to the church office with Attn: Financial Secretary.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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. A free will offering is taken to go towards the meal.

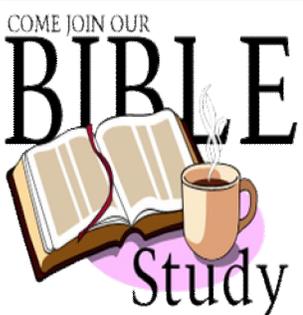
Council meets at 7PM the third Tues. of the month.



*Happy Thanksgiving*  
Nov. 26th

Church offices will be closed Nov. 26th & 27th

## Bible Study News...there's one for you!



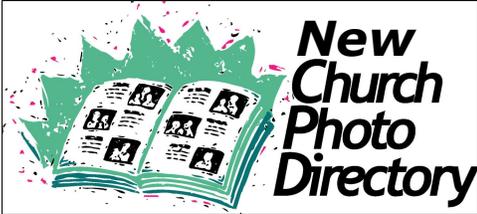
**Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study**

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 is studying the Book of Mark. Please join us every Monday a 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Betty Shardelman at 425 888-0772.

# What's Coming Up?



Photography Dates:  
Nov. 18, 19, 20, & 21



## Give the Gift of Portraits this Christmas

Sign up for our photography event today! Portraits from your session will make wonderful gifts and Christmas cards. Each family receives a *Complimentary 8x10* (\$25 value) and a *free directory* for participating! You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits for Christmas gift giving. PLUS receive an additional *\$10 coupon* when you check-in at your appointment.

Mt. Si is pleased to be participating with Lifetouch's *FEED the NEED* program! We will be collecting non-perishable food items for **Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank**. To thank you for your food donation, you will receive a coupon for \$5 off your Lifetouch portrait order. Please ask someone from the Photo Directory Team (wearing a badge on Sundays) for more information then bring your food items on the day of your photo session. You must present the coupon at time of portrait sitting. One \$5 off *FEED the NEED* coupon per family. May be combined with other offers. Please see page 8 for more information on how to schedule your appointment. If you have any questions, please call the office and speak to Sheila Rodriguez.



*Ladies—Save the Date!*  
*Mt. Si Women of Christ Christmas Brunch*  
*Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015*  
*10:30AM-12:30PM*

*All Ladies and Little Ladies are invited!*

It is sure to be a morning filled with food, fellowship & fun all with your Sisters in Christ-celebrating a Homespun Christmas! More information to follow!  
Hope to see you all there! We would love to have a lot of help planning this event!  
Any questions? See Courtney Adams or Denise Stone!

# Mt. Si New Photo Directory

## DEAR MT. SI FRIENDS

To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we have made the commitment to produce a new fellowship pictorial directory. A pictorial directory is our church family album, we need **YOU** to make our directory complete! **Our goal is 100% participation!** A new directory:

- *Preserves this special time in the life and ministry of our church*
- *Becomes a lasting record of our current membership*
- *Introduces our church to friends, the community and new members*
- *Enhances fellowship and prayer by helping us visually connect faces with names*
- *Becomes a wonderful communication tool for our church*
- *Assists Pastor Mark with getting to know all of our names and faces*

We have selected Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church.

**Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait!**

### OUR PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

***Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 12:30-8:30PM***

***Thursday, Nov. 19th from 12:30-8:30PM***

***Friday, Nov. 20th from 12:30-8:30PM***

***Saturday, Nov. 21st from 9:00AM-5:00***

**We have selected the week before Thanksgiving for photography in hopes that any family that may be away at college, or out of town, will be able to join you in the photo.**

If you will be gone during the week of photography, just let us know and we can make arrangements for your photo to be taken at another church in the area.

### TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY APPOINTMENT:

You can sign up at the church after services for the next few weeks or sign up online at our church web site at **[mtilutheran.org](http://mtilutheran.org)**, just click on the **scheduling link**.

We are encouraging 100% participation of our church family!

For those who choose to purchase portraits, there are some great discounts available:

**For signing up, you will receive a \$10 coupon via your confirmation e-mail.**

**For bringing food donations to benefit Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, you will receive a \$5 coupon.**

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church. You will have a variety of poses taken, and Lifetouch never charges a sitting fee! One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10 of your directory pose, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session if so you choose.

You also have the opportunity to invite your extended family and have portraits made with everyone together. Just schedule together and add additional time spots for each of your extended family units. Each family unit will be photographed and receive their own complimentary 8x10 portrait. Lifetouch will then photograph generational poses with everyone together, grandparents and grandkids, or any special poses you would like to have. If your household pet is part of your family, feel free to bring them along for your additional photos. Please note: Mt. Si directory poses will be without pets.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. Lifetouch offers so many ways to capture the memories. Your portraits are sure to become valued family keepsakes... treasured now and for generations to come.

**We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory!**

P.S. This is a professional portrait session. What you wear has a major influence on how satisfied you will be with your portraits. Watch for your Portrait Sitting Guide with tips on how to prepare for your session. We also ask that you allow one hour during which time you will check-in, be photographed and select your portraits. You will also receive a copy of the price sheet in advance so you plenty of time to become acquainted with the Lifetouch Point Pricing Program if you would like to purchase family portraits. **Photo Directory Team: Terry Adams, Debbie Spurling, Denise Stone, Suzy Schuba, Sheila Rodriguez**

# Mt. Si's Annual Family Harvest Carnival-2015

On Oct. 25th, we had another great Harvest Carnival at Mt. Si Lutheran Church. Special thanks goes to: **Vicki Wallentine** (aka 'not so scary' scarecrow and of course the trophy winner for Best Chili) & **Lynne Thompson** for creative ideas & decorating; **John Cassidy** (aka Martin Luther/monk) for the caramel apples, donut eating contest, and emcee for the games; **Ed & Jane Benson** (aka Hawaiian vacationer/normal church attire and Jane the good witch) for the never-ending hotdogs & popcorn; **Pr. Mark** (aka "vacationing" Martin Luther) for the Chili Cook-off & 'official' ticket distributor; **Heather Griffith** (aka mom to the Hulk and a pretty princess) and **Courtney & Terry Adams**, for the craft and cookie decorating area; **Tom & Haley Chase** and **David VanHandel**, for KP & dedicated dishwashers; and last but not least, to **Herman Schlaht** for entertaining us with seasonal accordion music enjoyed by all!



## Crafts & Cookie Decorating



## Donut Eating Contest



## Costume Contest



## Chili Cook-off



Best Overall Costume: **Rachel Flanagan** ð Hermione (Harry Potter)  
 Best Boy Costume: **Ari Harmor** ð Mickey Mouse  
 Best Girl Costume: **Sadie Griffith** ð The Princess

1st Place Best Chili ð **Vicki Wallentine**  
 2nd Place Best Chili ð **Karen Bliven**  
 3rd Place Best Chili ð **Flint Callaway**

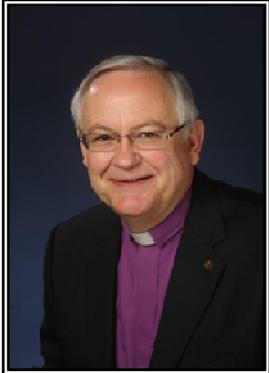
# Trunk or Treat





# The Spirit

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## Gratitude

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

*Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. - 2 Corinthians 4:15*

I am a "Wannabe Mr. Fix It". I hold in high regard people who, no matter what it is, possess the knack to figure it out. I have learned I am really good at taking things apart but not so good at putting them back together again. Back in the good old days I took great pride in maintaining the Mimeograph. We seldom had to call on the technician. Nowadays I just watch in awe when the

Copier Technician shows up. They get tired of me peering over their shoulders and asking questions.

For years I was able to maintain my own cars. My handy dandy Sears Testing Unit and Timing Light made it doable. The advance of technology soon put my back yard garage out of business.

I had to resort to taking my car to a mechanic who had the gall to charge me \$90.00 an hour to do one thing I once could do on my own. One day I was complaining bitterly to my father about how much I had to pay. He stopped me cold in my tracks with the question, "Just who do you think you are? Do you think you are the only person who deserves to earn a living wage? Rather than whining about what you have to pay why don't you feel good knowing that not only do you help the mechanic to put food on the table for his family, you are helping all of the employees that work there."

My father had an uncanny way of reminding me of my rightful place in the universe. Equally important he taught me how life-giving it is to learn to be grateful. I have to tell you this one painful incident really turned me around and I began to understand my money and possessions in a whole new way.

*"Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God." -2 Corinthians 4:15*

Being willing to give of our resources and possessions with joy can become an act of grace. It has the power to stir up in our lives the wonderful experience of gratitude.

When I began to look back over my father's life I realized this is how he lived it.

Again I remember resenting him when he sold our family home to a young family just starting out for what I thought was under market value. When I pressed him on the issue he went on to tell me the story of how my parents were able to buy our family home. My grandparents loaned them a portion of the down payment and the realtor went without charging a commission. My dad was just paying it forward.

He said, "I will get far more joy out of knowing I helped a young family get a start than the few thousand dollars that placed it below market value."

We are living in a culture where money holds so many of us hostage. Maybe we need to see it the way my dad did. A gift first received which becomes a gift of gratitude when given away with a measure of grace.

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

**Stay in touch and in the know!**  
**Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? [www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar)**  
**Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? [www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe](http://www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe)**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: brown;">Mt. Si Lutheran</span>						
<b>1 All Saints Sunday</b> 8:15AM Traditional Worship & 10:45AM Praise Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour  <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>	2 5:30-7:30PM GS Troop #43665	3 3:30-5:30PM G.S. Tr. #42902	4	5 Noon ELCA Pastors' study  7PM AA	6 12:30-2:30PM GS Tr. #42385	7 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
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# Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Nov. 1	Burnside Family	All Saints Day
Nov. 8	Rodriguez Family	Veterans Day—Honoring All Who Served
Nov. 15	Luna Family	In Honor of Katie's 25th birthday
Nov. 22	Kay Boyle	In Loving Memory of Edna Jensen's birthday
Nov. 29	Susan Olds	In Honor of her friend, Mark



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 November



### 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.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Nov. 1 All Saints Day	Nov. 8 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Nov. 15 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Nov. 22 Christ the King Sunday	Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent 9:30AM ONLY
<b>Usher</b>					
8:15AM	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Tom & Connie Som	X
9:30AM	Sunday School & Coffee Hour Fellowship				9:30AM Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler
10:45AM	Tom Chase Mark Imsland	Ed & Jane Benson	Mike Hanson Bob Bartlett	Tom Chase Mark Imsland	10:30AM Family Advent Festival
<b>Counters</b>	Kay Boyle	Ed Benson Kelly Luna	----- Counters needed-----		
<b>Communion Assistants</b>					
8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Inge Burnside	Dave Franson	Peggy Halferty	9:30AM Inge Burnside
10:45AM	Joanne Chase	Debbie Spurling	Rosemary Hanson	Ed Benson	X
<b>Lector</b>					
8:15AM	Terry Adams	Tom Burnside	Suzie Franson	Sue Shardelman	9:30AM Tom Burnside
10:45AM	Joan Guenther	Linda Velebir	Ed Benson	Linda Velebir	X
<b>Cantor/Music</b>	John Cassidy Abbie Grimstad	Jack Boller Abbie Grimstad	Dave Spurling Lori Murton	John Cassidy Lori Murton	

# November Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Barbara Touchette	1	Katie Luna	16
Terry Adams	7	Charles Lynch	17
Joanne Chase	7	Bert Sievertson	20
Linda Luke	7	Lindsey Cassidy	23
Lori Murton	10	Mark Griffith	25
Sheila Rodriguez	11	Will Huestis	29
Tom Lee	13	Andy Velebir	29
Jace Lee	15		



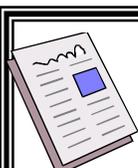
## Anniversaries!



Curtis and Genada Lynn	Nov. 24
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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 [soflicka@gmail.com](mailto:soflicka@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

(watch for details when our Wednesday Worship resumes)

### The Rev. G. Mark Griffith—Pastor

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

Lori Murton—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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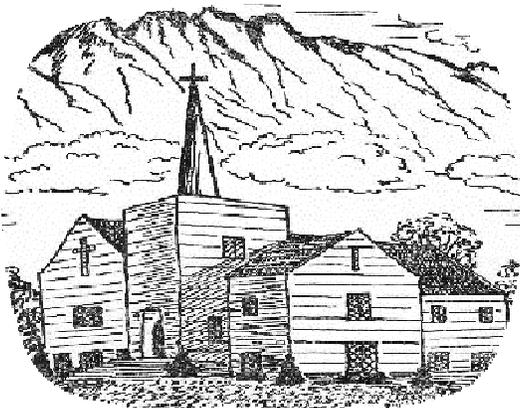


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