

MOUNT SI LUTHERAN CHURCH

411 NE 8TH ST
NORTH BEND, WA 98045

Special Points of Interest:

- July 4th—Hol. (office closed)
- July 8th—Bake Sale/Roof Fundraiser
- July 21st—North Bend Block Party (Booth Noon-8PM)
- July 22nd-26th—V.B.S. 5:45-8:15pm
- Aug. 5th—Labyrinth Workshop
- Aug. 11th—Festival at Mt. Si Parade 10:30am-12:30pm
- Aug. 12th/13th—Organize/sort School Supplies
- Aug. 18th—Mt. Si Lutheran Free Carnival 11am-4pm
- Aug. 23rd-26th—Camping Trip Lake Easton



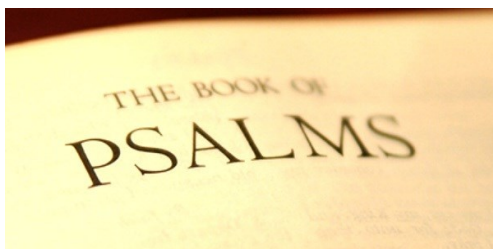
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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

July/August 2018

From Pastor Krista's Desk.....



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to invite you into conversation around the beauty and power of the Book of Psalms. For many of us who grew up in mainline denominations, the Psalms are something that pop up on Sunday morning and we either chanted or spoke

responsively. Maybe we learned Psalm 23 "the Lord is my Shepherd," from listening to parents and grandparents or from a class....you may have a favorite Psalm that someone sent you in a card or that you saw on a poster. Some of us may have even taken the time to sit down and read though the book of Psalms; or at least some of them! Or, since the Psalms are a collection of poetry, perhaps some of us have stayed away from them...

The Psalms are a unique collection of writings in Scripture because they are purely words of the faithful pouring their hearts out to God. In some of the Psalms we hear thanksgiving and praise and in others pleas for God's favor and help in times of distress. Some Psalms are pure lament for loss and sense of being disconnected from God. The Psalms carry within them every range of human emotion including anger and rage....they are what you might consider the "un-edited" intimate letters of the faithful to God. Perhaps that is why I love the Psalms so much. Not only the beauty of the phrases and images, but the profound truthfulness of the writer as they praise God or beg to God or seek forgiveness from God. As I read the Psalms I feel like I can catch a glimpse of the person writing them. Many are attributed to King David, but we recognize that multiple people most likely contributed to the collection we now call the Book of Psalms. Not only do I feel we can catch a glimpse of those who are writing, but I find that the Psalms can so exquisitely express the range of emotions I feel or have felt in my walk of discipleship.

And so, brothers and sisters, I would like to invite you to consider taking time in the next couple of months to find some time and sit down to study just 5 Psalms. The Psalms are: Psalm 22; Psalm 33; Psalm 63, Psalm 84 and Psalm 147. While you read the text I would invite to consider the following questions:

1. What attributes is the Psalm writer ascribing to God?
2. What emotions is the Psalm writer him/herself feeling? Have you ever felt that way?
3. What is your favorite phrase or image in the psalm? What draws you to it?
4. What questions does the Psalm raise for you?
5. Do you think the Psalm is/could build your faith? In what way?

I hope this small study over July and August can bring you some joy and center your lives ever more deeply in Christ. Thanks be to God for the gift of Scripture.

- Peace Pastor Krista



Check out our updated website for current information and upcoming events!!!

John Grebe, CYF Director



John Grebe and Pastor Krista Oppie

My name is John Grebe and I am excited to be joining Mt. Si Lutheran Church as the Director of Children, Youth, and Family. I grew up in Auburn where I attended Messiah Lutheran Church. After high school I joined the Navy where I served as a corpsman and was trained as a Marine Corp Medic and specialized in pediatrics. After the Navy I went to work for Children's Hospital in Seattle. My next adventure led me to Lutheran Bible Institute where I earned my B.A. in Youth and Family ministry. I have served a number of churches in Washington and Connecticut. In addition to working in churches I have been actively involved in experiential education through roles in outdoor leadership, adventure programming, environmental education, and facilitation within organizations and camps in Washington, Connecticut, New York, and North Dakota.

Lutheran traditions, teachings, and culture have been a rich blessing in my life. I have enjoyed serving the church in word and service as a youth and family minister for over 20 years. This ministry is a tapestry made from weaving together a variety of communities, cross cultural experiences, and a high regard for interfaith dialogue. Over the years I've had the privilege experiencing Ministry in Mexico, Tanzania, Russia, and Ethiopia. The partnerships and these ministries have been life changing.

The roles in experiential education as well my time in Ministry evolved into a desire to pursue a M.Ed. In Transformational Leadership. As leaders in the community we must be able to respond in times that are ever-changing and be the change people need. I look forward to serving you and serving alongside you.

Meet and Greet John Grebe—July 1 and July 15

Greetings, I am setting aside time after church on July 1 and July 15 for lunch with members of all ages. We can order pizza or potluck depending on interest. This will be an extended time to socialize and ask questions for the purpose of getting to know each other better. There will most likely be a couple of games and activities included. We will wrap up around 1:30pm. I am looking forward to spending time with you.

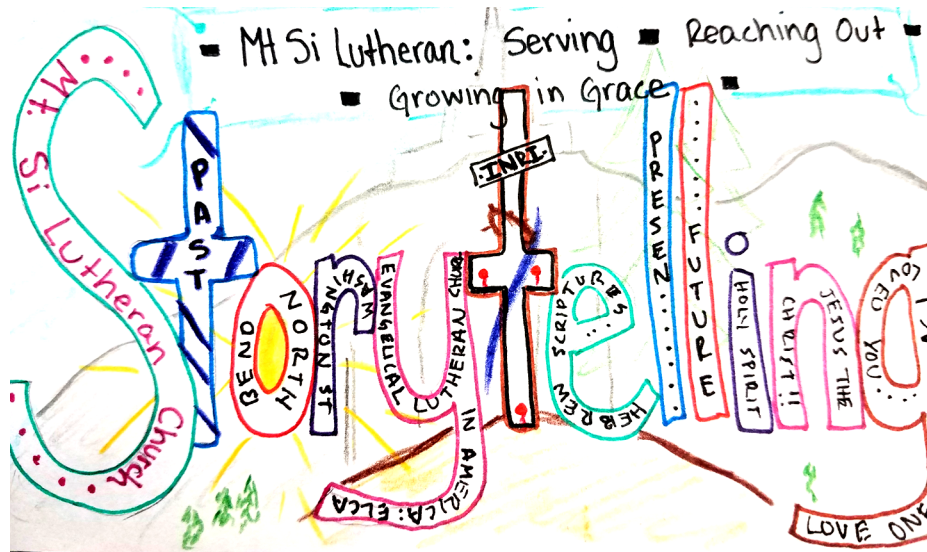
Peace, John Grebe

Youth Integration Task Force

We are forming a task force to look at ways youth are integrated into the life of the congregation. Our goal will be to raise awareness, celebrate the current practices, and develop strategies for improving. Some of the topics will include membership, community outreach, service learning, and roles. Please consider points of interest, concerns, and ideas you may have for this group to explore. Please let John know about them by emailing or writing up your thoughts so we can address them.

Call or email for visitation or appointment:
(360) 920-5876 or snowshoe2day@hotmail.com

FALL AND WINTER CONGREGATION FOCUS



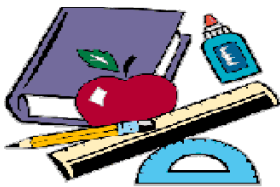
Very Important information for everyone! Mt Si Leadership is excited to introduce an intentional focus for our worship, educational and fellowship life together here at Mt Si Lutheran Church. The focus is all about “Storytelling.” What is the purpose of this focus? I’m so glad you asked!

1. We will engage in workshops around how to “tell our story” as a way to strengthen community and build connections within our congregation. This story telling will include biographical work and work on how to tell our personal faith story
2. We will engage in learning about the ways in which storytelling and the oral tradition shaped the formation of our Scripture and the early church
3. We will engage in telling the Story of Mt Si Lutheran as we approach 70 years of ministry in 2019
4. We will engage in hearing and sharing our stories in worship
5. We will engage the Biblical story and build on what we already know so that we all can comfortably and joyfully tell the story of Jesus

6. We will engage in community art to adorn our sanctuary and community spaces to visually tell our story. Most of all, we want this focus to engage all people from all walks of life, all ages, all genders, all socioeconomic backgrounds, all marital statuses, etc. We are hoping this focus will build us up in our faith and trust in Jesus and spill over into our community involvement and engagement.

Let’s relish in the many stories that have brought us together in this time and place and seek, together, the story that is God unfolding before us. ~Peace, Pastor Krista

Serving our community...



Community Backpack/School Supply Project

Our Church sponsors a yearly backpack and school supply project which we provide students in need with backpacks filled with the school supplies for their grade level. Four other local churches also collect school supplies and give monetary donations to buy backpacks and school supplies for local K-12th graders in need. I have also requested funds from several local and Eastside retailers. Please let me know if you know of a retailer or group which may want to donate. Last year we filled 320 backpacks and expect to fill the same amount this year. The children sign up at our food bank July 1st – Aug 5th. The supplies will be distributed at the food bank on Wednesday Aug 15th and Aug 22nd. Please help our project by donating supplies or a monetary donation. Checks can be made to: Mt Si Lutheran Church, memo school backpack project. Mt Si Lutheran Church, PO Box 487, North Bend, WA 98045. There are lists of the school supplies needed in the narthex. Please see the sign-up list for help with filling and distributing the backpacks in August, there is a clipboard for helpers in the narthex. Thanks for your support of our Valley youth! ~Janey Benson 425 831-6896 or cell 425 785-2151

Parish Education News!

Get ready to Serve!
“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

Save the date! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday will be Sunday, September 9, 2018. 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.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018!
***We are currently exploring ideas for our service projects-if you have any questions or ideas see Courtney Adams or Pastor Krista.**

Sunday School Teachers Recognized-June 24th

Mt. Si says a HUGE THANK YOU to our dedicated Sunday School Teachers for another wonderful year of faithful service. Each of you are truly a blessing to our children, and we can’t say thank you enough to **Nancy Flanagan, Rosemary Hanson, Debbie Jones, Peggy Halferty, Lisa Sampson, Courtney Adams, Kim Buckmaster, Joanne Chase, Erik & Jenna Rhyne, Dana Koukol (Submerge), Marlin Olson, Dan Luke, Pastor Larry, and Pastor Krista (adult ed).**

The Sunday school season is on hiatus for the summer, but we will see you again in September.



➡ Sunday School Teachers needed!

The Sunday School is in search of 2 new teachers for the 2018/2019 school year! Come join our amazing team as we teach the children about God’s love for us and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today.

We teach each classroom as a team so you will have an amazing co-teacher as well as easy to teach curriculum! This means a flexible schedule and minimal time spent preparing! It’s a great way to plug in and serve God and the church! So join us today! Any questions? See Courtney Adams or Debbie Jones!



Shipwrecked VBS
Best Week of the Summer!
July 22-26 5:45-8:15PM
Pre-K through 5th Grade



If you want to help with planning and decorating for this year’s V.B.S., please speak to Debbie Jones or John Grebe. Lots of volunteers are needed! Registration forms are available on the Mt. Si Lutheran website: mtsilutheran.org or outside the church office.

**Amazing Experiments *Tropical Treats *Incredible Music *New Friends
*Creative Games *Surprising Adventures*

FREE! Invite neighbors & friends

Meet your 2018 Council Members

President Jack Boller 2018 (2) Email: jboller2@comcast.net	Vice President Erica Haycox 2020 (1) Email: er35@comcast.net	Secretary Nancy Flanagan 2020 (2) Email: nf2469@gmail.com	Treasurer Annual Renewal Jeff King Email: jeff_king_pnw@yahoo.com
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Debbie Spurling 2019 (2) Email: angeltender@hotmail.com	Council Corner!		

Submitted by Jack Boller, Church Council President

Summer is upon us and some exciting things are happening.

As you may know by now, we have a new children, youth, and family (CYF) program director. We are happy to have John Grebe join our staff. John has shared his ideas with the council for a process to begin to build a vibrant CYF program. He will be sharing his ideas with the congregation and identifying people who are interested in helping out. Thanks to a successful rummage sale, the youth will be having a carnival for the community this summer, and in July we will be presenting another Vacation Bible School that will be FREE and open to the community. Please let John know if you are interested in helping with either of these activities.

We began a capital fund-raising campaign to raise money to replace the roofs on all of our buildings. The campaign will run through Spring 2019. Pledges have been coming in and we have already been receiving some funds. Thank you! We will be holding various fund-raising events during the summer and fall. Our first event will be a bake sale on July 8.


We have formed a budget workgroup to begin gathering input and building our budget for next year. The workgroup will be connecting with the chairperson of each ministry in July. Each ministry will be provided information on the ministry's spending for the last three years and asked to identify their anticipated expenses for the coming year. Using that information, we will compile a proposed budget.

Based on the current level of giving we will project our income for next year and compare it to the proposed budget. We will share this information with the congregation and make adjustments to the proposed budget so that it matches the projected income. Our goal is to have a budget that supports our mission but stays within our expected income. So far this year, our giving has been down by about 10% compared to the last two years.

Our community garden is flourishing and beginning to produce. Thanks to all of those who have participated in installing the new cement walls for the raised beds and getting the garden planted. We look forward to providing fresh produce to the food bank as the summer progresses.

If you have any ideas or issues you would like to raise to the council, please contact any of the council members or Pastor Krista and we will work with you to get them to the council.

As we move ahead, be watching for opportunities to volunteer to serve in our ministries and help fulfill our mission to serve our members, our community, and the larger world.

 **Information for Connie Som's Memorial is found on pg. 11. Connie passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday, June 24, 2018.**

Don't forget, your council members are your servant leaders that you have entrusted with the ministries of your church. Feel free to contact them to discuss issues that you feel are pertinent to the life of your congregation.



Highlights...



2018 Graduates Recognized

I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,...to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

On Sunday, June 10th, we celebrated the achievements of Riley Buckmaster who graduated from Mount Si High School and is headed to Pacific Lutheran University in the fall. Mt. Si Lutheran presented Riley with a few gifts including a beautiful handmade quilt from our Quilting Ministry. Riley was very excited to receive the special quilt. Riley also received a Confirmation Scholarship Certificate from PLU as a confirmand member of Mt. Si Lutheran Church.

The Buckmaster family hosted a delightful coffee hour with lots of great food.

On Sunday, June 17th, we celebrated with Haley Chase who received a Masters in Teaching from the Univ. of Northern Colorado. Haley shared that she will teach second grade at Fall City Elementary here in the Valley.

Mt. Si Lutheran presented Haley with a few gifts including a prayer shawl.

Congratulations, Riley and Haley! We pray for your bright future!



Riley Buckmaster, Pr. Krista Oppie, Sue Oster



Kim, Riley, Ryan, and Mike Buckmaster



Pr. Larry Thomas, Haley Chase, Sheila Rodriguez



Nate, Tom, Haley, Gretchen Chase (Joanne Chase not available for photo)

Upcoming Events!



Sunday, July 8th—Roof Fundraiser—Bake Sale!

Are you ready to stock up on yummy treats for all your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors? We are open to all donations for the sale and some yummy treats from Georgia's bakery will also be for sale! All proceeds will go towards the roof. Thanks to Thrivent for providing funds to make this happen!



Mt Si Lutheran will be representing at the North Bend Block Party on **July 21st!** From Noon – 8:00pm we will have crafts for kids and youth, fresh roasted coffee (with or without ice), a quilt raffle for a beautiful quilt (all proceeds will go towards the roof), a dippin' dots stand and so much more! Tell your friends and neighbors to look for us at the block party this year! If you want to help staff the booth, we would love your help. Please speak to John Grebe, our CYF director for details.



Are you ready to be in a parade!?! I hope so, because Mt Si Lutheran is back in the Festival's Grand Parade on Saturday, August 11th. Thanks to Vicki Wallentine and so many others who are putting together the float. All members of Mt Si are encouraged to walk in the parade. Wear your Mt Si Lutheran T-Shirts or God's Work Our Hands T-shirts...if you don't have one of these, let us help you order one!

We are excited to tell everyone in the Valley about this faith community and the joy we have in the Gospel of Jesus!

Questions? Talk to Pastor Krista
See you all there!!!!



10:30am-12:30pm

The Free Community Carnival will include:

- Free Water and Lemonade
- Free hotdogs and chips
- Dippin' Dots stand
- Carnival Games and Prizes
- Dunk Tank
- Bounce House
- So much more!!!

This is an outreach event and we strongly encourage each of you to find a friend or neighbor to invite to this fun and silly day! Thank you to our youth who came up with this grand plan! Questions? Talk to John Grebe!

FREE COMMUNITY



August 18th 11am-4pm

Support our youth as the host a community carnival on August 18th. All the proceeds from the Easter Breakfast and Rummage Sale have gone to put on this amazing event!

New Events....



LET'S GO CAMPING!! ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPING TRIP TO LAKE EASTON AUG. 23rd—26th

Our annual camping trip is on August 23rd-26th Thursday afternoon – Sunday morning. It will be at Lake Easton State Park (located in the foothills of Snoqualmie Pass). We have 6 campsites reserved and space for about 6 more people to spend the nights. There will be a potluck dinner and worship service on Saturday evening at 6:00pm. Plan to come for the dinner and worship even if you aren't coming for the overnight camping. Please check with Janey Benson if you're interested and for more details. bensonja@yahoo.com or 425 831-6896.



Prior Events....

Women's Tea Recap!

Thank you to Janey, Suzy, Courtney, Erica, Pr. Krista, and Debbie Jones for helping put together such a beautiful tea party for all of us ladies and young girls to enjoy. Thanks to Suzy for bringing us the idea to make simple flower arrangements as a way to give thanks to the beauty of creation around us. In her talk, Suzy reminded us that we are all to be "stewards" of creation and mindful of our role as care-takers of the earth... Erica offered a lovely devotion on keeping your tea-cup full (life full) of God... there were tons of door prizes and much more! Until next year! Thanks all for the celebration!



Rummage sale update!

The youth rummage sale was huge success with over \$1600 being collected! The money will go toward a great outreach project chosen by our youth – a free carnival for the neighborhood families to be held August 18th. (watch for announcements!) A big thank you to everyone who donated items, set up & organized, worked at, shopped at and cleaned up the rummage sale items! We couldn't have done it without you!

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Courtney Adams for spear-heading the entire fundraiser and working very long hours organizing to make it such a success!



Garden Blessing & BBQ



Thanks to everyone who came to the garden blessing for Mt Si Lutheran Church's Garden of Giving on June 23rd. A garden blessing, food, croquet, and a chance to make your own stepping stones (pictured below)--it was a fun event. We hope everyone had a good time.

For those unfamiliar with the garden, it's a place for church members and members of the community to have their own garden plot. Gardeners maintain their own plot and also help take care of plots whose harvest will go to the [Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank](#).



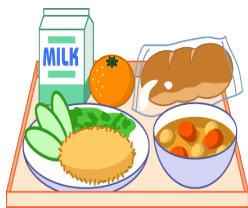


9:30AM Summer Worship Schedule through Sept. 9th

Mt. Si's Summer Worship schedule—one worship service at 9:30AM followed by coffee hour/fellowship time. This is an exciting opportunity to have our entire congregation worship together. Join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.



Food Bank Volunteers Needed: Mt. Si Lutheran Church needs 8 volunteers every 4th Wednesday of the month to help serve at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank from 9AM-12:30PM. There is a sign up sheet available in the narthex or call the office. All are welcome to serve. If you are interested in coordinating our food bank volunteers, please speak to Pr. Krista or call the office.



Hot Meal Program at North Bend Community Church Every Wednesday, Hot Meals offers a free meal to the public, and for decades it has operated out of the NBCC kitchen. Mt. Si Lutheran Church currently volunteers at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank the 4th Wed. of the month, and now we will also participate in the Hot Meals Program from 9AM-12Noon the 4th Wed. of every other month as well. If you are interested in helping with the Hot Meals, please contact Mt. Si Lutheran Coordinators: Erica Haycox, Janey Benson, or call the office at 425 888-1322. **Next date is Aug. 22nd.**



Acolyte Guardian—Shelley Harding. To schedule your child(ren), please see the sign up calendar in the cry room of the church. Shelley will remind Acolytes each week when scheduled. If you would like to help Shelley, or are willing to rotate with her, please speak to Shelley. If you are interested in acolyte training, please speak to Sheila Rodriguez.



Do you like to celebrate birthdays? Mt. Si has a group of ladies who have been meeting the first Thursday of the month to celebrate birthdays for several years. Anyone can come. No membership required and we promise we are a friendly/inviting group of ladies who enjoy friendship, fun, and fellowship. If you are home during the daytime and would like to join us, please come. Instead of gifts, we bring non-perishable items for the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and bring something to share for lunch. Please come and join the "*Birthday Lunch Bunch*" at 11:30AM. If you have questions, please contact Sheila Rodriguez at (425) 888-1322.



Chronic Conditions Support Group (CCSG) This group is for anyone coping with a chronic condition. The CCSG group is on hiatus for the summer. If you have questions, please contact Susan Olds at (425) 888-0281 or call the office at (425) 888-1322.



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



Community In Action

www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org

Mt. Si Lutheran Church volunteers 4th Wed. of the month

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

**Mt. Si Lutheran Church
Income Statement May 2018
2018 Approved Budget = \$243,437**

You may contribute to the newsletter by submitting your articles to the church office by email or a simple phone call. The Deadline for submissions is the 3RD MONDAY of each month, except when earlier deadlines are required due to holidays, etc. Call 425 888-1322

BUDGET UPDATE	May Actual	May Budget	Net Difference	Percent Difference
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Offering Income	15,029.76	17,996.58	(2,966.82)	-16.49%
Total Income	15,029.76	17,996.58		
Expense	14,619.78	20,186.25	(5,566.47)	-27.58%
Net Income	409.98	-2,189.67	2,599.65	118.72%

June Food Bank = \$248.00

VBS Offering = \$375.00

Backpack School Supply Offering = \$298.00

Automate Your Giving

Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the on-line giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Just go to www.mtsilutheran.org and click Online Giving. If you have questions, please speak to Leslie Hatling, Financial Secretary.

**CONTINUE
the VISION
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Fundraising Goal: \$100,000 to replace the roofs on the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Please prayerfully consider helping Mt. Si reach this goal! You can go to our website at mtsilutheran.org and click 'Online Giving' tab to donate to General Operations or Roof

UPDATE!!!! The Stewardship and Finance team are pleased to announce that we currently have received a total of \$22,750 in pledged and actual gifts as of June 24th.

Thanks to you we are already nearly a quarter of the way to our goal of \$100,000. If you have not had the chance to pledge or make a gift, please pick up a pledge card in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate or pledge box. **THANK YOU ALL!**



The Memorial Service for Connie Som will be held at 11:00 AM on July 7, 2018 at Mt. View Lutheran Church (3505 122nd Ave E. Edgewood, WA 98372, 253-863-5171). A light lunch will be provided after the service. In

lieu of flowers it is requested that donations be made in Connie's name to the Mt. View Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund or the Capital Fund Raising for New Roofs at Mt. Si Lutheran Church (P.O. Box 487 North Bend, WA 98045, 425-888-1322). Our on-going prayers for peace, strength, and comfort for Tom, their daughter and son (and spouses), and five grandchildren.



I would like to thank everyone who came together and filled in while I was away last week with my dad at the hospital! It was such a joy knowing that there were people praying and people

stepping into the roles I was responsible for during those few days. A big thanks to John Grebe for making the trip up to Seattle to help move my dad's bedroom downstairs. This is beautiful community! Thank you for being awesome brothers and sisters in the faith. Dad is doing better and will be moving to Aegis in July. ~Peace, Pastor Krista



OFFICIAL ACTS

Right of Holy Baptism

June 24, 2018—Addison Aeron Harding and Kelsey Maeve Harding

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



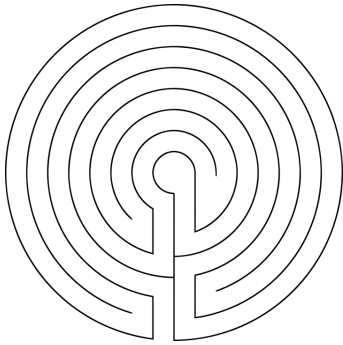
Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study

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 425 691-0181 (new #)

Bible Study for Women

Monday Women's Bible Study Group. Please join us every Monday at 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Laura Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294.

Have you heard?



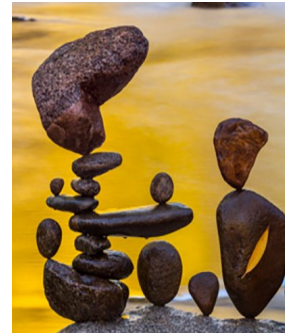
Labyrinth/Outdoor Path

This is an ancient practice of walking a guided path to the center while in prayer. This is not a maze! You can't get lost. The twists and turns of the maze are designed to mirror our experience of life, which rarely sees us walk a straight line from point A to point B! Rarely is life that simple. Our faith life can have similar twists and turns. The Labyrinth reminds us that, no matter what, God is always drawing us closer.

Dreams and Possibilities for Community Spiritual Practices

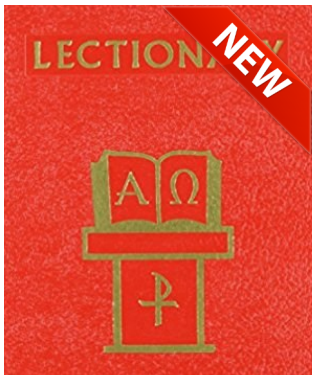
John Grebe, CYF Director, and Pastor Krista, with the approval of council, are in the early dreaming phase of bringing two unique spiritual practices to Mt Si and the North Bend Community. These are outdoor worship spaces that would be open to the public and church community to use. These two spiritual practices have been used for centuries by the church as tools for helping quiet our hearts and minds to listen to God's voice, the Holy Spirit's tugging and Jesus' leading in our lives. Many find these practices helpful, others do not! That's ok! Utilizing these tools does not mean some are better Christians than others or those who use them are somehow closer to God than those who don't. We all connect to God in our own way. These two practices are just two more ways we might connect and some find them incredibly meaningful. Our beautiful church grounds lends itself to these spiritual practices and can offer a unique invitation to our community to learn and engage with Mt Si in a new way. Questions? Talk to John or Pastor Krista!

Want to try out a Labyrinth walk? Stay after worship on August 5th where we will have an instructor teach us all we need to know! Come to the fellowship hall and hear more about both practices from Pastor Krista and John Grebe and our guest, Mary Ellen Johnson



Ebenezer Garden/ Balancing Stones

Is a practice of balancing stones...it certainly takes practice to still your mind and body to the point that one can stack the stones in precarious ways! Why do this? The practice of "being still" can teach us ways to calm ourselves when stressed and to listen to the still small voice....Ebenezer is the name for the piles of stones the people of God would put up any time they encountered God.



I bet you are a person who loves the lectionary! Me too! So, I wanted to let everyone know that the Worship and Music team has learned of new Lectionary put together by our brothers and sisters in Scotland. This group of pastors, educators, worship leaders and authors have been putting together wonderful materials to supplement the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and the Luther Seminary sponsored, Narrative Lectionary that came out around 2011. Now, this group has developed a new lectionary for use this year! Before I explain further...let me back up. First of all, what is a lectionary? Simply put, it is a collection of readings. The RCL is a lectionary used by many mainline denominations and was approved by the church for use in 1994 after nine years of collaboration between Protestant and Roman Catholic faith leaders. It was a show of unity to have so many various denominations agree to use this lectionary. The RCL rotates on a three year cycle and the hope of the lectionary was to pair Old Testament Readings with Gospel Lessons and Paul's Letters as well as teach the Psalms. The RCL has been meaningful for many congregations and

pastor's for over 20 years. In the early 2000's, as the church began to change and fewer people were experiencing the Bible on a daily basis through teaching at home and school and through media, many in the church started noticing that regular church goers were having difficulty following or naming the over arching Biblical Story. Such as being able to put Moses and Abraham in their proper places on the time-line and be able to name why the promise made to Abraham has crucial significance to the work God will do through Moses. Somehow, we were reading the story in church on Sunday, but there was a disconnect between the hearing and drawing together of the grand Narrative of Scripture.....and so....the Narrative Lectionary was born out of the work of Lutheran professors at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. The goal and purpose of this lectionary is to go in chronologic order through Scripture from Genesis to Revelation and leave the Summer months open for sermon series and topical study. Denominations around the world have loved this new Narrative Lectionary that works on a four year cycle which allows each of the four Gospels to have its own year in the spotlight.

The freedom of the Narrative Lectionary has opened the door for others to consider how we read Scripture on Sunday. Pastors and lay leaders from around the globe pooled their thoughts and a new Lectionary was born. This new lectionary is 18months and has a narrative quality as you will notice...in September we begin with Genesis...and it has a thematic quality...you will see in Advent that each Sunday we focus on important birth stories in the Bible including Moses and John the Baptist. We hope you enjoy this new lectionary! We are excited to see what the Spirit will reveal through the reading of Scripture together.

~Peace, Pastor Krista

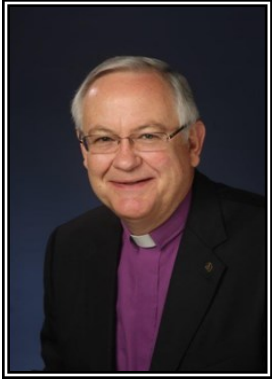


The Spirit

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Companionship

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop



There is a movement taking place across the American church - stirring up in congregations a new imagination of what it means to be the church. It begins with the realization that God is active and up to something outside the four walls of the church - and the church is being invited to join in.

This startles many of us because we have been faithful at trying to do good worship, practice hospitality, provide Sunday School, offer a youth group, gather for fellowship activities, and care for our buildings and grounds. These practices have served us well - but none of them have prepared us for what it means to engage with our neighbors.

We have done our best at hospitality - by trying to be welcoming when visitors arrive and looking for helpful ways to engage them in faith formation and the church community. This new movement calls for a radical form of hospitality that was practiced in Luke 10 where the disciples were sent out and instructed to eat whatever was set before them.

This expression of hospitality is about learning to receive what the neighbor has to offer - on their terms and where they are located. How in the world to we do this?

We can learn from our missionary sisters and brothers who are decade or two ahead of us. Our missionaries learned the hard way - having gone through an era where our western faith was imposed upon the people the missionaries were reaching out to. It took time to learn that this approach was not only abusive and destructive, it failed to recognize how God was already at work with the people before the missionaries arrived.

The missionary movement moved from an imposition model to an accompaniment model. This approach is about walking alongside the other and mutually discovering how God is at work. Our missionaries spend years getting to know the people and inviting the people to shape the liturgy and the mission. It levels the playing field by no longer treating the other as the object of our mission but rather the subject.

Accompaniment is about developing companionship. Webster's defines companion as "a person employed to accompany, assist, or live with another in the capacity of a helpful friend." Or perhaps even more poignant "the fainter of two stars that constitute a double star."

You begin to see that this new movement invites a life-giving kind of humility in all that we do. "Companion" in French is a combination of two words, roughly translated as "co bread." We might say breaking bread together as equals.

Can you imagine an evangelism program whose primary activity is inviting neighbors, strangers and friends alike to companionship - breaking bread together? It's about getting to know one another. It's about listening. It's about together responding to the needs of the world. It's about what it means to be church today.

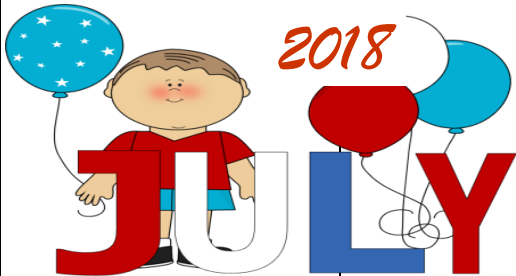



"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Luke 10:8-9

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8 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Bake Sale Roof Fundraiser / Coffee Hour Fellowship 	9 11AM Staff Meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	10 9:30AM Quilters 7PM Council	11 <div>Pastor Krista on vacation July 11—19</div>	12 9:30AM Needlework Art/Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 6-8PM AA	13 (office closed)	14 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
15 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Hour Fellowship	16 11AM Staff Meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	17 9:30AM Quilters 7PM Parish Ed meeting	18 <div>Pastor Krista on vacation July 11—19</div>	19 9:30AM Needlework Art/Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 6-8PM AA	20 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF (office closed)	21 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course NORTH BEND BLOCK PARTY NOON-8PM
22 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Hour Fellowship	23 11AM Staff Meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	24 9:30AM Quilters	25 <div>JULY 22-26 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—5:45 TO 8:15PM</div>	26 9:30AM Needlework Art/Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course	27 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF (office closed)	28 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship (kids participate in worship) 10:30AM Coffee Hour Fellowship	30 11AM Staff Meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	31 9:30AM Quilters	Aug. 1	2 9:30AM Needlework Art/Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 6-8PM AA	3 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF (office closed)	4 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course



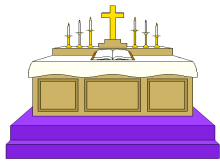
Flower Chart for the Altar



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY, IN HONOR, OR IN CELEBRATION OF
July 1	Rosemary Munson	Thanksgiving for Family and Friends
July 8		
July 15		
July 22	Rick & Sheila Rodriguez	In Honor of Natalie and Rick's birthdays
July 29	Don & Sue Oster	In Honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary



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Worship Assistants for July



Summer SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:30AM	July 1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	July 8 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Summer Worship	July 15 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	July 22 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship	July 29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship
Usher	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only
9:30AM	Ed & Jane Benson	Bill Gast Mike Kober	Mark Imsland Mike Hanson	Koukol Family	Tom Case David VanHandel
9:30AM Cantor/ Music	Jack Boller Dave Spurling	John C. Andy V., Dave S., John A., Erik R.	Dave Spurling Andy Velebir John Cassidy	Warren Wambsganss Dave Spurling	Andy V., Dave S., John C., John A., Erik R.
10:30AM	Coffee Hour Fellowship				
9:30AM Acolyte	Kaelynn Sampson	Rosemary Koukol		Addison Wambsganss	
Communion Assistants	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only
9:30AM	Inge Burnside	Courtney Adams	Rosemary Hanson	Kay Boyle	Debbie Spurling
Lector	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only	9:30AM Only
9:30AM	Tom Burnside	Terry Adams	Jeff Mach	John Keiser	Suzy Cassidy
Offering Counters	Janey Benson	Ed Benson			

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July Birthdays!



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Lainey Elise Gray	4	Shelley Harding	20
Denise Stone	7	Rosemary Koukol	20
Joan Guenther	9	Ben Luna	21
Tom Burnside	10	Linda Velebir	23
Jeff Yocom	11	Don Davis, Jr.	25
Genada Lynn	12	Ingrid Garhart	25
David Scott-Risner	13	Cian Collom	28
Cathy Yocom	13	Cindy Altheide	29
Kaitlyn Lilleberg	17	Tillie Schlaht	30



Anniversaries!



Tom & Joanne Chase	July 1
Michael & Kay Kober	July 7
Herman & Tillie Schlaht	July 23
Don & Sue Oster	July 30



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12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Hour Fellowship / Organize backpacks & school supplies	13 10AM-Noon Fill Backpacks 11AM Staff meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	14 9:30AM Quilters 7PM Council	15 9AM-6PM Backpacks at SVFB	16 9:30AM Needlework Art/ Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 6-8PM AA	17 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF (office closed) 	18 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 11AM-4PM Free Carnival at Mt. Si
19 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Hour Fellowship	20 11AM Staff meeting 12:30PM Women's Bible Study Newsletter Deadline 	21 9:30AM Quilters 7PM Parish Ed meeting	22 9AM-12:30PM SV Food Bank Volunteers 9AM-6PM Backpacks at SVFB 9AM-Noon Hot Meal Program @ NBCC 	23 9:30AM Needlework Art/ Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 6-8PM AA  Camping Trip to Lake Easton 23-26	24 Pr. Krista's DAY OFF (office closed)	25 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
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Katherine Yocom	3	Beth Luna	22
Grace Culver	5	Sue Oster	25
Rosemary Hanson	5	Nick Adams	27
Sydney Yocom	5	Ralph Freeman	27
Erik R. Rhyne	6	Zack Hower	27
Erica Haycox	7	Kay Kober	27
Debbie Jones	10	Shirley Forgey	30
Jonathan Spurling	13	Paul Dukich	31

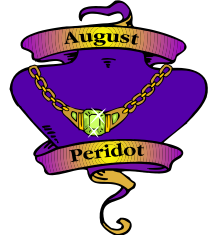


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Jim & Nancy Flanagan	Aug. 12
Rodney & Cheryl Thompson	Aug. 17

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~SERVING~

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~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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To develop ministries that encourage individual and group
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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

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Summer Worship Schedule June 24, 2018—Sept. 9, 2018

9:30AM Worship

Pastor Krista Oppie

Pastor's email: pastorkrista@gmail.com

Pastor's phone: (206) 473-7460

John Grebe, Dir., Children, Youth, Family (CYF)

John's email: snowshoe2day@hotmail.com

John's phone: (360) 920-5876

Sheila Rodriguez—Office Manager

Jack Boller—Council President

Andy Velebir—Worship & Music

Dave Spurling—8:15AM Accompanist

Sue Oster—Custodian

Jeff King—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

Summer Office Hours: M-Th 9AM-12PM & 1-3:30PM

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Fall Sunday Worship Schedule

8:15AM Traditional Worship

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:30-10:30AM Sunday School

9:45-10:30AM Submerge Teen Time

9:30-10:35AM Adult Christian Ed

10:45AM Praise Worship



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