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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

March 2019

Key Dates:

March 5th Shrove
Pancake Dinner

March 6th Ash
Wednesday 7pm
Worship

March 7 Thirsty
for Theory
Thursday

March 10th 4pm
Confirmation

March 12 6-8pm
Auction for the
Roof!

March 13 6pm
Soup Supper

March 24th
Inter-tubing

March 26 6pm
Women's
Ministry

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Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, The church year continues to turn as we find ourselves in the season of Lent. This year we will be exploring Jesus' command to LOVE one another as he has loved us and the four types/kinds of love described in Scripture. Week one we will look directly at Jesus' command to love. Week Two we will explore love as Eros and hear several portions of the Song of Solomon. Week Three will focus on love as Philios and Week Four will look at love as Storge. We will end our season with love as Agape. As we read through various lessons from Scripture on love I hope your definition of Love may expand. Specifically, I hope your understanding of the depth of God's love for you expands! When Jesus says he will lay down his life for his friends, when we proclaim the cross as God's ultimate expression of Love for God's own people, it is a beautiful invitation to ask what we mean when we say "love."

At both our 8:15am and 10:45am service we will use the same opening liturgy which will be familiar to some, but probably a bit unfamiliar to most. Our opening will follow a morning prayer format that is centuries old. It is a blending of prayer, confession, kyrie, creed and song. The intent is to bring participants into a place of centering one's heart on God. I hope you enjoy this unique part of our worship during lent.

I am also very excited to announce that **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, April 14th. The youth will give a special presentation at the 8:15am worship and then will be confirmed and give the same presentation at the 10:45am service. A reception will be held between services.

As many have noticed, the church is full and bouncing most days of the week with many community and church groups! Thanks all for being mindful of cleaning up and checking doors and lights. It is a joy to see all the hustle and bustle around the buildings!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, may this season of Lent be a blessing to you and to your faith. May this focus on Jesus' walk to the cross draw you nearer into relationship with our Lord. May this exploration of Love deepen your awe at the God who is LOVE for you and for this world. May the Spirit bring you to your knees in thankfulness and praise for the forgiveness that knows no boundaries or end and the grace that is lavishly poured over you and all God's people. Then, may you find a joy that is without end as the Scripture proclaims, Jesus lives and so you too shall have life!!! AMEN

- Peace, Pastor Krista

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—March 17th @ 10:30am

Vote to use Cornerstone Roofing Company for Roof Project

MARCH COMMUNITY GATHERINGS!

Kings Cake Baking Party Following March 3rd Worship Service



Shrove Tuesday March, 5th 6:00pm

The Parish Ed Committee will once again host the Shrove Tuesday meal. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for pancakes, eggs, sausage (regular and vegie), fresh fruit, and sweets!

All are welcome!



Ash Wednesday Worship

March 6th, 7:00pm



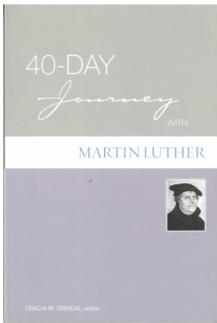
Lent Soup and Supper begin starting March 13th, 6:00pm—Worship at 7pm
This will be a ministry lead sign-up for each week. Sign-ups are located on the sign-up wall in the Nar-

Lent Adult Study

All are welcome to take a Lent devotional book to use at home and/or at our Sunday morning Adult Study class.

This devotional goes through Martin Luther's small catechism with prayers, reflections and a place for notes. It is a great resource that I hope will bring some meaning and focus for this Lenten season. Enjoy!

A suggested donation of \$10 per book is appreciated. (Parish Ed in memo line)



Inter-tubing at Snoqualmie Pass is back on!

Inter-tubing has been re-scheduled to March 24th 3-5pm



Thirsty for Theology Thursday

Thursday, March 7th, 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. This is not a time to be told what to believe, but to thoughtfully wrestle with your faith. Questions? Ask Pastor Krista!

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 meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month to discuss faith, plan service projects and more...

FEBRUARY EXCITEMENT AND SNOW! (PRETTY MUCH JUST SNOW)

Terry Adams captured a breathtaking picture of the front of the church just as the blue sky was peeking out from the clouds.



After a closed service the snow cleaning crew made sure that wasn't going to happen again

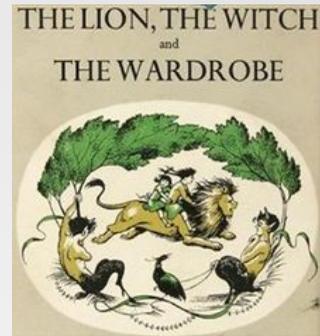


...And Hot Meals



CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY

March 19 6:45pm-7:30pm Vacation Bible School Planning. We will be diving into C.S. Lewis' book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* to create this year's VBS. I am super excited about this undertaking and bringing together creative minds to develop the curriculum, decorations, games, art, drama, and some music to go along with this theme! There are many ways to be involved and if you are unable to attend this meeting please let John Grebe know your interest.



March 24th, 3-5pm rescheduling the **Inner tubing** took on a life of it's own, but we came up with a new date. Thanks for all your input! After many conversations it was determined that Fridays are more difficult for families so we going on **Sunday, March 24th from 3-5pm.**



As we look forward to this summer, I have identified some important dates and started making plans. Please put these events on your calendars.



Summer Schedule

Block Party July 20

VBS July 28-August 1st VBS

Parade August 10

Camping Trip August 23-25 (location yet to be determined and dates are tentative and I will update soon)



After having met with the CYF committee last night (consisting of Jack) we finalized the plans for the Month of March. As we enter into Lent many of us look toward Spring with eager anticipation. I have not felt that this winter has been harsh or particularly long but then again all of winter seemed to descend upon us on a few days in February and then lingered for much longer than normal. On March 5 I intend to have eye surgery which will require 5-7 days of being fairly immobile. My surgeon has said that there is a reasonable hope for the procedure to stabilize the minimal sight I have remaining in my right, a slim chance of improvement, and a moderate chance the procedure will not work. It has taken me a little while to let that sink in. I am hopeful but I am also being realistic about the possibility of only stabilizing or possibly losing all of the sight in this eye. Your prayers will be appreciated.

Ministry is all around me and it is through the word and service that I am called to serve among you. The challenges we face in life can often bring fear. My business partner recently reminded me that "Your greatest life is on the other side of your greatest fear." Author unknown. As a business we provide opportunities for groups to work through fear to find success. We believe that combating and overcoming anxiety leads to greater productivity! As a religion we believe that death is overcome through Christ and so there really isn't anything to fear but fear itself. Lent is a great time to wrestle with such things.

- John Grebe



PARISH EDUCATION

February's weather didn't help us return to a regular schedule but we are hopeful that March and better weather will bring our families back as we have many exciting weeks ahead!

We will begin to learn the important stories of some amazing people in the Bible that remain faithful to God even during difficult times- like Hannah and Esther. It's a powerful message for us all.



We hope that all our families will take advantage of this dedicated time for our children to grow in their faith and join in fellowship, fun and learning with other church friends!

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 - please come and be ready to start right at 9:30 as we worship and celebrate together!

*Submerge: 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:20 Go!

*Adult Education Hour: 9:45-10:30 AM

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with special projects, crafts etc., if you are interested please see Debbie Jones or Courtney Adams. Come check us out! We have classes for ages 3-103, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs!

Sunday School Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Preschool—Peggy Halferty & Rosemary Hanson Kindergarten/First grade—Debbie Jones
Second/Third grades—Courtney Adams Fourth/Fifth grades—Kim Buckmaster& Joanne Chase
Submerge Teen Time—John Grebe
Adult Education Hour—Pastor Krista/ Marlin Olson/Dan Luke
Substitute teacher- Enid Gast

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We will gather again on Tuesday, March 26th at 6pm for Study and Fellowship! Last month we had about 15 women join in and we had a great discussion of some challenging texts in John's Gospel. Upcoming Event is set for either Sunday March 31st OR April 7th at Color -Me-Mine in Snoqualmie. Details to follow!

COUNCIL CORNER

Council Report.....

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Council Update from February

BSA Girls Troop

We have agreed to become a charter organization for one of the first Boy Scouts of America – Girls Troops. They reached out to us and after a couple of meetings that council decided that this is a great opportunity for our church to partner with another wonderful organization that will share our visions and help young ladies grow and learn vital life skills. We will be working closely with the Kim Vivash, the troop leader, who has many years of experience as an assistant scout leader. We will be drafting a charter and John Grebe will serve as our liaison. We are looking forward to the partnership with our new Girls Troop-BSA. We will continue to keep you updated on our charter process and their activities.

Roof

We were unable to come to a final contract agreement with Atchen Quality Roofing. Since the congregational meeting the roofing committee has been working diligently with Cornerstone Roofing and we are very pleased with their final and complete contract agreement. **We will be holding another Congregational meeting Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 10:30am in the fellowship hall.** We will be going over the new details and budget. We must have a quorum for 40 to be able to vote. We hope you can make it.

Reach for the Stars Roof Auction

We are continuing our work on our Silent and Live Auction we are hosting Tuesday, March 12 from 6-8pm at Sigillo Cellars in downtown Snoqualmie. There are still tickets available for purchase through the church office please contact Ambur if interested. We are looking forward to a wonderful night of fun and fellowship as we come together as a community to help support our church roof fund raising efforts and the Snoqualmie Valley Foodbank.

Vanco

We are happy to announce that we are soon going to be able to accept debit and credit cards. Stewardship and Finance has been researching different options and has recommended Vanco. This will help others who are wishing to give generously but do not always carry cash or checks with them. It will also help with our fundraising and outreach events.

Please watch the constant contact email for updates and check the website for the most current and up to date information. Like us on Facebook to also keep up to date of and see what fun we are having

- Erica Haycox, Council President

ROOF FUNDING UPDATE—REACH FOR THE STARS

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

Please prayerfully consider helping Mt. Si reach this goal!

Current giving/pledges total : \$74,000 THANK YOU!



Keep on Shining the Light of Christ!

You may not realize it, but we hear lots of feedback from the community in the office AND over the last few months we have been hearing some really great feedback that we wanted you to know about!

First, we received some wonderful feedback from folks who eat at the hot meals program. They really love the breakfasts we have been serving.

Second, we have heard from some of our guests that they have felt welcomed and engaged by the congregation. Thank you to all who reach out to those new faces!

Third, from two of the groups that use our facility a big thanks for our hospitality and generosity in hosting.

This community of faith is gaining and coming to be recognized in the Valley for its service and love!

Thanks be to God!

Because we understand that not everyone attends Coffee Hour...

The Sign-Up Board in the Narthex is where all volunteer sign-up sheets will be for now on.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Suzy Cassidy	March 1
Mark Imstand	March 9
Gretchen Chase	March 13
Betty Shardelman	March 16
David VanHandel	March 20
Anne Keiser	March 24
Jeffrey King	March 31

Happy Anniversary

♥ Rick & Sheila Rodriguez ♥ March 22, 1986 ♥



March Flowers

March 3rd	Judy Stoddard	
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Reach for the Stars!
This is going to be so much fun!

Tuesday, March 12th 6-8pm
Sigillo Cellars, Snoqualmie WA

There are still tickets available! Contact Ambur in the office for purchase
\$50 per ticket (Includes one drink ticket and hot/cold appetizers)
\$100 per VIP ticket (Includes two drink tickets, hot/cold appetizers, VIP swag bag, and a Special Surprise)

For a sneak peak at our Live Auction items visit our website
www.mtsilutheran.wixsite.com/silentauction



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The Power of Dignity

Bishop Kirby Unti

The most frequent question that I am being asked these days is, "What are you going to do next?" I announced in September that I would not be seeking reelection and immediately the question began. Strange as it may sound, I wasn't prepared for it. In fact, I have given very little thought to what I might do next other than sleep, spend more time with Kim, and get out more on our boat, Gratitude. I am now thinking more seriously about what I am going to do next -knowing that throughout my life God has always disrupted my plans. One area I know I want to invest more heavily in is my work as a trustee of Renton Technical College. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life's journey to have a front row seat at the College. I have been tuned into the college for over thirty years. I was first attracted to the college knowing the population of students it serves -primarily those for whom traditional education is not fulfilling, those who cannot afford a 4-year college and more recently those who are new to our country whose primary language is not English. The faculty at the college is likewise unique. They are people of great passion who believe that every person can learn and succeed. By and large, all of them can find much higher paying jobs in other areas of the economy. They are in it because they receive great joy in seeing students who have little or no confidence discover how smart and capable they are. I recently returned from a gathering of trustees in Olympia where we hosted the Transforming Lives dinner. It was an opportunity to offer gratitude and praise to 34 students, each representing their school. Each of them arrived with incredible stories of moving from utter defeat to a place of hope. Five of the 34 were invited on stage to tell their stories. There wasn't a dry eye in the room. One woman returned to college at 46 after years of abuse nearly ending in her own death. She was a high school dropout and had four children for whom she was responsible. She said

to her kids before she entered college. "Don't grow up to be like your mom." It took only one counselor to see what potential she had. She went from wanting to drop out of college in the first week to getting her GED and will graduate this Spring with the intention to get her degree in psychology and use her life experiences to help others. At the end of her presentation she said to her four children in the audience, "Be like your mother -never give up." Another student had come out of an abusive home from which she ran from. She ended up in the horrific world of sex trafficking. She once again ran from the violence, knowing her only hope was in getting an education. It was a hard story, but she said, "I do so because I want others to find the hope that I have found." Two other students had been living on the streets and in their cars without shelter. Each had been incarcerated for lengthy periods of time. One living with HIV and the other having been a child soldier in the war in Liberia. They spoke powerfully of the confidence and hope they have in their futures. Further education and a living wage awaits all of these students. The final student came from a family of 24 siblings. They lived in incredible poverty. She never dreamed she would go to college. She found a dead-end job and new that her only hope for a bright future was education. She is now a rising star in her college with a very promising future. Each one of these students went from being unable to establish eye contact to finding their voices in less than two years' time. There wasn't a dry eye in the room because we witnessed how resilient the human soul is when at least one other person knows you by name, sees you as fully their equal and believes in your ability to fulfill your dreams. I don't know all that I will be doing -but I will continue to be an advocate for fully funding our Community and Technical Colleges. +BKU

SERVING SUNDAY

Coffee Hour Hospitality

If you enjoy our coffee hour between worship services perhaps you would consider serving as a host for a coffee hour. If you aren't sure what that looks like, reach out to Pastor Krista or Courtney Adams. We are happy to teach anyone how to make the coffee. Goodies can be as simple as you like. The dishwasher makes clean-up easy. Thank you for considering this way of serving here at Mt Si!



Sunday Worship Assistants

Thought about serving during worship? Pastor Krista is happy to train Lectors and Communion servers anytime. We also have someone to train ushers and acolytes. If you are interested please just let us know and we will get you trained and ready. Youth are more than welcome to lector and serve in all other ways on Sunday.

Are you a musician? Want to offer special music at a service? Contact Pastor Krista or Dave Spurling or Andy Velebir to get involved in our music ministry. Thanks!

Flowers

If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2018**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

March 3rd

Judy Stoddard

The sign-up sheet has been moved to the Narthex

If you cannot assist on the day assigned, please contact the church office so we can help you find a replacement. Thank you for serving!

Worship Assistants For January

	LECTOR	USHER	COMM. ASST.	ACOLYTE	CANTOR
Mar. 3rd, 8:15	Bill G	Mike K/David V	Marlin O		Jack B
Mar. 3rd, 10:45	Linda V	Janey B/Ed B	Rosemary H	D. Davis	
Mar. 10th, 8:15	Tom B	Dana K/Bill G	Inge B	Addy H	
Mar. 10th, 10:45	Lisa S	Mark I/Mike H	Vicki W		
Mar. 17th, 8:15	Anne K	Mike K/David V	Courtney A		
Mar. 17th, 10:45	Brenda D	Janey B/Ed B	Joanne C		
Mar. 24th, 8:15	John A	Bill G/Tom C	Marlin O	Kelsey H	
Mar. 24th, 10:45	Erica H	Linda L/Janey B	Suzy C		

Counters

March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24
Nancy F/ Debbie S	Ed Benson	Debbie S	Suzy C

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
				Directory Photos		
3 8:15am Worship 9:30am Education and Fellowship 10:45am Worship King's Cake baking after first service and second service!	4 Genada Lynn Memorial Services 11:00am Funeral @ Tahoma 12:30pm Memorial Luncheon 1:30pm Church Memorial Service	5 8:30am-4pm Homeschool Group 9:30am Quilters 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	6 7:00pm Ash Wednesday- Worship	7 9:30am Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt Si Golf Course 11:30 B-day Brunch 4:30pm Girl Scouts 6pm AA 7pm Thirsty for Theology 6:30pm Bell Choir	8	9 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
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17 8:15am Worship 9:30am Education and Fellowship Congregation Meeting for the roof 10:45am Worship	18 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	19 8:30am-4pm Homeschool Group 9:30am Quilters 6:00pm P.E 7:00pm Council	20 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lent Worship	21 9:30am Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt Si Golf Course 4:30 Girl Scouts 6pm AA 6:30pm Bell Choir	22	23 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
24 8:15am Worship 9:30am Education and Fellowship, Confirmation 10:45am Worship 3-5pm Inter- tubing @ Pass	25 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	26 8:30am-4pm Homeschool Group 9:30am Quilters 6:00pm Women's Ministry	27 9:00am SVFB Serving 6:00pm Soup Suppers 7:00pm Lent Worship	28 9:30am Needle art at Mt Si Golf Course 6pm AA 6:30pm Bell Choir		

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes

March 10th 4PM

March 24th 9:30AM

Confirmation Sunday

April 14th



Food of the Month:

Canned Veggies

Anything but Peas Please



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!