

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

411 NE 8TH ST
NORTH BEND, WA 98045

Special Points of Interest:

- Oct. 1st—11:45AM Potluck/Meet & Greet with Pastoral Candidate
- Oct. 15th—9:30AM Worship and Congregational Meeting
- Oct. 22nd—4-7PM Harvest Carnival, Trunk or Treat, Chili Cook-off at Mt. Si Lutheran
- Oct. 29th—9:30AM Worship Reformation Sunday with potluck following

Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

October 2017

Sunday, October 1, 2017

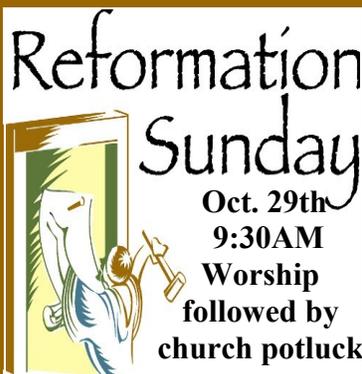
Potluck/Meet and Greet with Mount Si's Pastoral Candidate

Following the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, October 1, 2017, the Call Committee will host a meet and greet with their candidate of choice that has been nominated to be called as Mount Si's new pastor. There will be a potluck meal and an opportunity to meet the candidate of choice who will also lead devotions.

Sunday, October 15, 2017

One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. with Congregational Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

On Sunday, October 15, 2017, there will be one worship service at 9:30 a.m. followed by a congregational meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the congregational meeting is to vote on a letter of call for the new pastor and to vote on the compensation package.



Reformation Sunday
Oct. 29th
9:30AM
Worship followed by church potluck

Dwelling in the Word

by Larry E. Thomas, Interim Pastor



If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:1-4)

Once a month, I meet with the interim pastors of the Northwest Washington Synod. We begin our gatherings with a time of "Dwelling in the Word." At our September 11th meeting our text was Philippians 2:1-4.

The leader begins "Dwelling in the Word" by asking a female participant to do a slow, contemplative reading of the text. This reading is followed by a brief time of contemplative silence. Then, a male participant reads the passage a second time. This second reading is also followed by a time of contemplative silence. During the silence participants are invited to pay attention to the words, phrases or ideas that catch our imaginations and/or that speak to us or take hold of us.

After the two readings and the silence, participants pair up two by two and share with each other what words or phrases spoke to us. Following these two by two conversations, each participant shares with the whole group what our conversation partner heard or saw in the text. I find the practice of "Dwelling in the Word," to be engaging and life-giving, even when what I hear something in the text that invites me to take stock and make some course correction in the living of my life or my pastoral work.

Our September meeting was no exception. Listening to Philippians 2:1-4 being read (twice) and then meditating on the passage, I found myself thinking about humility and Paul's invitation to "do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit," and (don't) "look to your own interests but to the interests of others."

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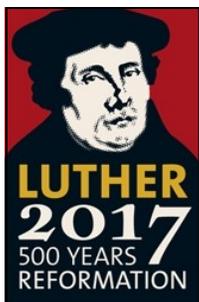
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500th Anniversary

I shared with my conversation partner that I thought it would be interesting to try, just for one day, to focus on the interests of others and do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit. (St. Paul invites his readers to make this a way of life.) I figured that experimenting with Paul's invitation for a day would be a learning lab that would teach me a thing or two about faith, hope, and love.

Some years back I learned a similar practice from Father Luke Dysinger, a Benedictine monk and a Roman Catholic priest. While on a retreat led by Fr. Luke, he introduced us to group "Lectio Divina" (divine reading) a contemplative practice that inspired "Dwelling in the Word." A biblical passage was read three times (by three different readers) with a time of contemplative silence following each of the readings. After the first reading, we were invited to listen for God's word to us for the day. After the second reading, we were invited to listen for God's call or invitation for the day. After the third reading, we were invited to prayerfully consider how God was inviting us, through this biblical text to explore our new life in Christ in the course of the day.

The good news is that you can try this at home. Whether you practice "Dwelling in the Word" or "Lectio Divina," setting aside a few minutes to attend to the loving presence of Christ as revealed through God's Word and listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction is an invigorating daily practice.



Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Mt. Si Lutherans, East King County ELCA congregations, the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are ready to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in October. Here's a sampling of Reformation celebrations, worship services, fellowship and learning opportunities.

"This Changed Everything: A History of the Reformation" The 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Adult Forum

"This Changed Everything" tells the story of the people, places, and events that shaped the Reformation. This video series celebrates the fruit of the Reformation even as it grapples with difficult questions about its legacy of division. Dan Luke and Pastor Thomas are leading this series of adult forums. Each week we'll view a video and discuss the content. *(Please note: The adult forum will not meet on Sunday, October 15th or Sunday, October 29th.)*

Katie Luther, the Musical, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue Friday October 20 @ 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 21 @ 3:00 p.m.

Pastor Sara Yoos together with the members and friends of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church will perform, "Katie Luther, The Musical" a play about the life of Martin Luther's wife, Katharine.

Luther and the Reformation: An Evening with Rick Steves Saturday, October 21 @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bellevue @ 6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be hosting Rick Steves as he presents: "Luther and the Reformation" on Saturday evening, October 21st starting with dessert at 6:00pm. Rick will present his one-hour special—filmed on location in Europe—where he tells the story of an Augustinian monk who lived a dramatic life. Rick visits key sites relating to the Reformation (including Erfurt, Wittenberg, and Rome) and explores the complicated political world of 16th-century Europe — from indulgences to iconoclasts, and from the printing press to the Counter-Reformation.

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Mt. Si Lutheran Church One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m. / Potluck at 10:45 a.m. followed by a screening of "Luther" with Joseph Fiennes

Mount Si Lutheran Church members and friends will gather together in the sanctuary for one festive worship service in celebration of the October 31, 2017 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The worship service will be followed by a church potluck concluding with a screening of the 2003 film, "Luther", starring Joseph Fiennes.

500th Anniversary

Reformation Commemoration Vespers: Sunday, October 29 @ 3:00 pm *St. James Cathedral, Seattle*

Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain and Bishop B. Kirby Unti will lead a joint Roman Catholic-Lutheran worship service marking this milestone anniversary.

Eastside Celebration of the Reformation, Sunday, October 29 @ 5:30 p.m. *St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bellevue*

Following the Reformation Commemoration Vespers at St. James Cathedral, you are invited to attend a hops and hymns fest at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bellevue. St. Luke's Brewing team will provide the beer and Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church will grill the bratwurst. Congregations are encouraged to invite their own home brewers to bring beer.

Looking Back & Called Forward: ELCA 500, Tuesday, October 31 *Washington, D.C. and Live Streamed*

You are invited to join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The event, which will include speakers and a worship service, will be at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Bishop Eaton will be joined by co-hosts Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice President Bill Horne and Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod Bishop Dick Graham. The event is open to the public and will be available online via live-stream. All are invited to participate and honor the Reformation anniversary as we bear public witness to Christ, who frees us to love and serve our neighbor, and as we look to the future to which God is calling us. More details will be available soon.

Upcoming Event with our Ecumenical Neighbors

To Know You Is To Love You: A Workshop for Couples *Saturday, October 7, 2017 @ Snoqualmie United Methodist Church*

Snoqualmie United Methodist Church is hosting "To Know You Is To Love You," a workshop for couples led by Ed Morrison, M.Div, and Carol Morrison, M.S.

You are invited to this informative and fun event where you will learn a research based orientation to how couples work, the benefits of a secure relationship, what gets in your way and how to get through it and how to get more of what you need with each other.

Ed and Carol Morrison bring recent research, thirty years as couples therapists, and thirty-five years of their own "Home Lab" to this workshop. Space is limited. Sign up by e-mail to:

snovalrelationships@comcast.net with your contact information and "We plan to attend. The workshop is free. (Snacks and drinks provided.) Optional donations will benefit the church facility.

To learn more about the Morrisons, check out their websites at www.snovalrelationships.com for Ed's coaching website and www.caroljanemorrison.com. (Click Writings and then M.C. Blog)

Parish Education News!

Sunday School began on September 17th – And we’re Going Deep Blue! Our Sunday school hallway has been transformed into an underwater adventure! Come check it out! We invite everyone to join us as we dive deep into the Bible. This weekly adventure teaches kids to be Jesus' disciples with exciting animated videos, new music & worship, active games and more.

*We are still on the lookout for someone to help us with opening music and help us with special events throughout the year! NO experience necessary -If interested see Courtney Adams or Debbie Jones!

We are looking forward to a great year! Check out the schedule below:

- *Children’s Sunday School 9:30-10:30 AM
- *Submerge Teen Time 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:30 Go!
- *Adult Education Hour 9:45-10:30 AM

Sunday School Staff for the 2017-2018 School Year:

- Preschool—Nancy Flanagan/Rosemary Hanson
- Kindergarten/First grade—Debbie Jones/Peggy Halferty
- Second/Third grades—Courtney Adams/Lisa Sampson
- Fourth/Fifth grades—Kim Buckmaster/Joanne Chase
- Submerge Teen Time—Erik and Jenna Rhyne
- Adult Education Hour—Pastor Larry/Dan Luke

Schedule Notes

Oct. 15th & 29th—One worship service at 9:30AM. No Children’s Sunday School or Adult Forum.

We continue with the adult forum on Oct. 1st, 8th, & 22nd at 9:45AM: **“This Changed Everything: A History of the Reformation”** “This Changed Everything” tells the story of the people, places, and events that shaped the Reformation. This video series celebrates the fruit of the Reformation even as it grapples with difficult questions about its legacy of division. Dan Luke and Pastor Thomas will team lead this series of adult forums. Each week we’ll view a video and discuss the content.



Mt. Si’s Annual Harvest Carnival & Trunk or Treat Sunday, Oct. 22nd 4-7pm at Mt. Si Lutheran Church

Join us for harvest crafts, harvest goodies and harvest fun! We will be having our famous chili cook off and **Trunk or Treat** again for the kids this year so get ready--dig out that chili recipe and get ready to decorate those trunks! Sign up sheets are available now ~ please help if you can! This is a great community event and we need lots of help! If you are interested in being a part of the planning, please see Terry or Courtney Adams or call the office at 425 888-1322. Invite family, friends, and neighbors!!!

Event is free, but please bring a non perishable food item to donate to Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank!

Volunteers needed to help decorate, help set-up/clean-up, bring food and/or other items needed.

Trunk or Treating in the parking lot,
Costume Parade, Crafts & Games, Chili Cook-off
FREE fun for the whole family!

HERE'S THE NEWS



8:15AM Pianist Needed: Mt. Si Lutheran Church is looking for a pianist to play for the 8:15AM traditional worship service. If interested, or know of someone, please speak to Larry Thomas, Interim Pastor, or contact Pastor Larry at ledgarthomas@gmail.com. **A HUGE THANK YOU to Steve and Sandy Kangas for donating the beautiful Walter piano for worship.**



PLEASE NOTE: With the donation of the Walter piano in the sanctuary, we are looking for a good home for two of our other pianos. Please speak to Andy Velebir or Dave Spurling if you are interested, or call the office. We are offering them to the congregation first before offering them to the public. The deadline is Oct. 31, 2017 if interested.

Personal Care Kits



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits We are preparing personal care kits to send to Lutheran World Relief in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The kits are sent out nationally and worldwide when disasters strike. The kits contain a bath towel, soap, toothbrush, sturdy comb, and a nail clipper. Please donate these items or funds to purchase them. There will be a box and a donation jar in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall during October. We will plan to put the kits together on **October 15th**. Questions? contact Janey Benson



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"But God has put the body together . . . If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." (1 Corinthians 12:24b, 26)

Dear Friends at Mount Si Lutheran Church:

We join you in praying for all those affected by devastating Hurricanes.

When disaster strikes, Christians are among the first to roll up their sleeves and open their wallets – and Thrivent Financial members often look for additional opportunities to help those in need. In addition to relief efforts your church might be involved with, Thrivent members and others in your church can help in the following ways:

- **Donate.** Thrivent will match up to \$3 million on individual personal donations to specific disaster relief organizations.*
- **Lend a hand.** Learn how Thrivent members can share time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a Thrivent Action Team. Eligible members can also direct Choice Dollars®.

Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com/disaster-response) for details on these opportunities.

As the Christian community comes together to pray for and reach out to those who have been affected by the recent disasters, Thrivent Financial is mobilizing its financial resources and members nationwide to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who are interested in ways to help with the recovery efforts are encouraged to visit www.thrivent.com to learn more about the organization's \$3 million match on individual personal donations and other ways in which they can help.

We thank you and your congregation for continuing to keep storm victims in your prayers and support them as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.



Community In Action

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 2017 Council Members

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Submitted by Heidi Dukich, Church Council President

Greetings and peace to you all from your Church Council.

Mount Si Lutheran Church is moving in the direction of exciting times of change and growth. The Transition Team and Call Committee did an outstanding job of service with their diligence to lead our church on the journey to receive a new pastor. The guidance we received from Pr. Larry allowed us to be steady in the process as he guided us with wisdom, grace, knowledge and humor. I am grateful Pr. Larry shared his time and heart with us and he will continue to be by our side to the end of the call process.

The Call Committee has selected a candidate of choice that they felt would be the best match for our congregation's needs based on the survey and input from the congregation. An informal meeting with council, call committee, and staff was held with the candidate of choice at the end of August. Following this positive meeting, the Call Committee extended an invitation to their candidate of choice for a congregation meet and greet on October 1st following 10:45AM Worship.

The Executive and Stewardship and Finance committees continue the administrative work to call the candidate of choice to Mount Si Lutheran Church. We will hold a congregational voter's meeting after one 9:30 a.m. worship service on October 15th where the congregation will vote on two items:

1. To offer a letter of call to the candidate of choice.
2. On the compensation package for the candidate of choice.

Please try to attend this meeting to ensure that we have a quorum.

This is an exciting time to open our hearts to new leadership and opportunities to explore and express our faith. I look forward to what the future brings.

Please note several important events this month:

- Oct. 1st—We welcome the Rev. Shelley Marie Bryan Wee, Assistant to the Bishop, NWWA Synod who is preaching at both worship services. Potluck/Meet & Greet for the Call Committee's candidate of choice following 10:45AM Worship
- Oct. 15th—**One worship service at 9:30AM** followed by congregational meeting
- Oct. 22nd—Mt. Si's Harvest Carnival/Trunk or Treat/Chili Cook-off from 4-7PM
- Oct. 29th—**One worship service at 9:30AM** followed by church potluck in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation

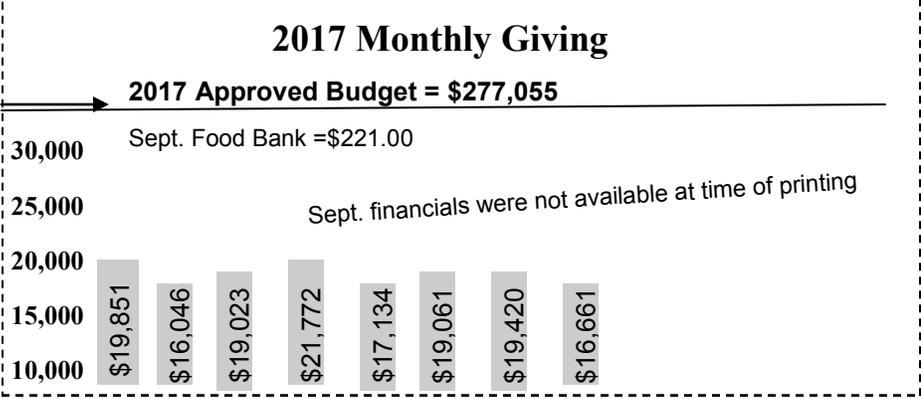
Call Committee Update

Sept. 22, 2017, a letter was mailed to members and friends of Mount Si Lutheran Church announcing the Call Committee's candidate of choice who will be introduced to the congregation on Sun., Oct. 1, 2017. Your Call Committee: Ed Benson, John Cassidy, Riley Buckmaster, Erica Haycox, Tom Som, Leslie Hatling, Sue Shardelman, Tom Burnside, and Lisa Sampson.



Oct. 15th—One Worship Service at 9:30AM
Congregational Meeting at 10:45AM to vote on a letter of call for the candidate of choice and to vote on the compensation package. Voting members are encouraged to attend.

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



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.



Is Serving as Worship Assistant Really a Ministry? Absolutely!

Ushering is a public ministry of hospitality and evangelism. In a real and vital way, ushers are the “welcoming committee” here at MSLC.

The Lector is the minister who brings the Word of God to life for all to hear. This calling requires preparation so that the readings can become a vehicle for sharing the Word with God’s people.

Communion Helper also serves a vital and holy ministry. They assist the Pastor with distributing the “bread” and “wine” to those wishing to receive Holy Communion.

Acolyte is an ancient Greek word meaning helper or follower. Acolytes help shape the worship experience by lighting and extinguishing (putting out) the altar candles.

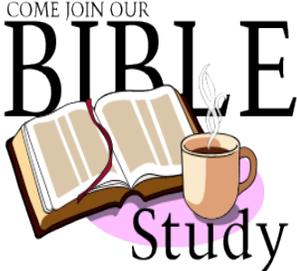
Those wanting to assist as Usher, Communion Helper, Lector, or Acolyte, will need some instructions. Please contact the church office if interested in being trained.



4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Please prayerfully consider serving as Usher, Lector, Communion Helper, Acolyte, Sound Tech, or Counter. Training can be provided. Please speak to Pr. Larry or Sheila Rodriguez

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.

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 Betty Shardelman at 425 888-0772.



Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 5. Remember to turn clocks back one hour before going to bed on Nov. 4th.



Commemorating the Reformation anniversary

By Bishop Kirby Unti

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" (Matthew 13:1-9).

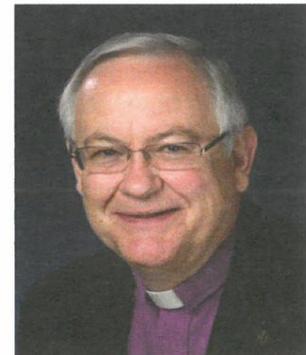
This familiar story of the sower was used when we gathered for the Bishop's Academy in Charleston S.C., in January. It was the backdrop as we considered our ecumenical and interfaith relationships. The parable also provided an "epiphany moment" for Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Bishop Claire Burkat. She has a well-established history of working well with our ecumenical and interfaith partners. In particular, she has committed herself over the last two years to try to create a mutual event with the Roman Catholic archbishop to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. However, despite her determined and significant investment, the relationship is going nowhere. The sower is generous but the soil conditions are not always right.

How many of you can relate to working so hard to create or sustain a program at church? Sometimes we have to know when to let go and look elsewhere for where God is planting seeds on good soil.

Meanwhile Bishop Burkat realized how, with little effort, her engagement with her Jewish and Muslim counterparts is flourishing. They are meeting frequently as interfaith leaders, and the laypeople from each expression are forming relationships.

Her epiphany was: "Why am I wasting my efforts with the archbishop when it's going nowhere?"

Her story is a fine example of what I am learning over and over again. We need to have the eyes to see and the ears to hear where it is that God is up to something. It is generally a good sign that God is present when meaningful relationships are being formed, community is growing and life is happening.



Bishop Kirby Unti

While not willing to give up on the archbishop, Bishop Burkat went away from our gathering more committed than ever to growing the partnership the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod has with its Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters.

This story represents the new reformation that is taking place in our day and time. Not only are we called to renew our relationship with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, we are called to renew our relationship with our neighbors—many of whom are formed by other faith traditions or, in more and more cases, none at all. (I must add that our relationship with our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers is going extremely well as we have now agreed on 32 major understandings, including justification by faith. Read more online about these in the "Declaration on the Way" at elca.org/Declaration-on-the-Way.)

I want to rejoice in the prayer Jesus prays: "Father might they be one even as you and I are one."

My prayer, as we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, is that we will discover together where God's seed is falling on good soil and bringing forth grain, some a hundredfold. ㄥ

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Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? www.lutheransnw.org/calendar
Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe

'God's Work, Our Hands' Sunday

Sunday September 10th, Mount Si Lutheran Church joined thousands of ELCA congregations across the country and in the Caribbean doing service projects as part of 'God's Work, Our Hands' Sunday! The smoke in the Valley had cleared and Sunday morning was clear and bright. We started our day with a combined worship service that centered on worshipping God and committing ourselves to service. This was followed by a delicious meal prepared, served, and cleaned up by the awesome ladies of **Team Hospitality**. Then we broke off into teams and went in to the neighborhood to serve! **Team Blessing Bags** put together 51 blessing bags and created cards for our homeless friends in the Valley. Fifty-one bags were delivered to a very grateful group of folks in Tent City 4. Thanks to the congregation's generosity we also were able to deliver a large bag of extra items to the Snoqualmie Valley Day Shelter to give to their patrons. **Team Parsonage Perk Up** got busy working in and around the parsonage. Their tasks included cleaning up flower beds, cleaning the garage, laying a vapor barrier in the crawlspace, and cleaning the refrigerator- a good start to preparing the parsonage for future use. The members of **Team American Legion** travelled to Snoqualmie to the American Legion hall where they cleaned the kitchen and bathrooms, washed windows, cleaned and organized toys and hung up donated clothes. It was wonderful to be able to help with both the American Legion hall and the Snoqualmie Valley Day Shelter patrons. We all wore bright yellow t-shirts so we could be seen in the community doing God's work!

This was an amazing day that really made us feel so privileged to be able to serve God as we serve His people. This national event was a huge success and each year the ELCA is planning on continuing the tradition. So save your shirt and save the second Sunday of September 2018 for next year's day of service. Know that any day we do something in the name of The Lord, we are doing God's Work and our hands are God's Hands. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way ~ together we can make a difference. A special thanks to those who helped make this day a huge success especially to Sheila Rodriguez, Sue Oster, Debbie Jones, Dan Luke, and Terry Adams. ~Courtney Adams, Coordinator

An email we received:

I wanted to send a heartfelt "thank you" to all who participated in the cleaning for the day center yesterday. It looks wonderful and was such a nice treat for our overworked (and underpaid...all volunteer right now) staff. Thank you so much for the time and effort taken to ensure a nice, refreshed space for our guests!

Jennifer Kirk, Exec. Director, Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services www.svshelterservices



Praise Team, Team Leaders, Team Parsonage Perk Up, & Team Hospitality



Team American Legion and Team Blessing Bags



What's Happening...

Farewell
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Good Luck



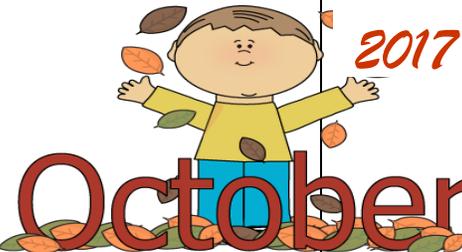
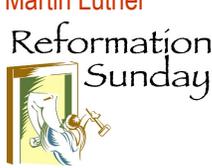
On Sunday, Sept. 17th—we said farewell & God's blessings to Carol Reitz

Carol has been a beloved member since 2000 and has blessed Mt. Si in so many ways: Praise Team, 8:15AM Worship Accompanist, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Evangelism, Global Missions, Transition Team, Children's Christmas Programs, special events and more! Her daughter, Emilie, was a sound tech for many years while in middle school/high school. Carol's husband, Jim, has also helped over the years with Children's Christmas programs, other events, and his computer/internet expertise has been priceless! During worship, Pastor Larry blessed Carol and John Cassidy, Worship & Music, thanked her for her commitments to this church and congregation. A farewell reception followed worship where Carol was presented with a beautiful framed picture of Mt. Si Lutheran Church with Psalm 121 on the picture (photo by Terry Adams), along with a beautiful hand-painted ceramic cross and a gift card. Carol, Jim, and Emilie recently moved to Bainbridge Island. We will truly miss the Reitz family and send our heartfelt thanks for their many years of service.



We are now settled in our home on Bainbridge Island. Hard to believe that 18-year old Emilie was 2 when we first started coming to Mount Si Lutheran. Pastor Paul always said that "people will come to a church because of the Pastor, but stay because of the people." Thank you for the blessings of your support and love—we will miss you. We like visitors!

~Carol, Jim, and Emilie Reitz

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">October</h1> <h2 style="font-size: 3em; margin: 0;">Mt. Si Lutheran</h2>						
1 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship 11:45AM Potluck/Meet & Greet Pastoral Candidate	2	3 9:30AM Quilters	4	5 4-5:30PM GS Troop #42902 6-8PM AA	6	7 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship	9 12:30PM Women's Study 6:15-7:45PM Boy Scout Den #5	10 9:30AM Quilters 7PM Council Mtg.	11	12 6-8PM AA	13	14 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM Worship 10:45AM Congregational Meeting 	16 12:30PM Women's Bible Study Newsletter Deadline 	17 9:30AM Quilters	18	19 4-5:30PM GS Troop #42902 6-8PM AA	20	21 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship 4-7PM Harvest Carnival, Trunk or Treat, Chili Cook-off, Crafts, Games Food, Fun 	23 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 6:15-7:45PM Boy Scout Den #5	24 9:30AM Quilters	25	26 6-8PM AA	27	28 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 10-11:30AM CCSG
29 Reformation Sunday 9:30AM Worship followed by a potluck, concluding with a screening of the 2003 film, "Martin Luther"  	30 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	31 9:30AM Quilters 	Nov. 1	2 4-5:30PM GS Troop #42902 6-8PM AA	3 	4 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 5



Flower Chart for the Altar



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Oct. 1	Sue Oster	Glory to God
Oct. 8	Rodriguez Family	In Honor of Matt's birthday
Oct. 15	Martha O'Dell	In Loving Memory of her husband, Ray O'Dell
Oct. 22	FLOWERS NEEDED	
Oct. 29		In Honor of the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2017**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

Worship Assistants for October



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Oct. 1 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Meet & Greet Potluck 11:45AM	Oct. 8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30AM ONLY	Oct. 22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday 9:30AM ONLY
Usher					
8:15AM	Mike Kober Herman Schlaht	Koukol Family	9:30AM Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Koukol Family	9:30AM Tom Chase
9:15AM	Coffee Hour & Sunday School		Congregational Meeting	Coffee Hour & Sunday School	Church Potluck
10:45AM	Ed & Janey Benson	Mike Hanson Mark Imsland		Mike Hanson Mark Imsland	
Counters		Nancy Flanagan Courtney Adams	9:30AM	Janey Benson	9:30AM Ed Benson
Communion Assistants					
8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Inge Burnside	9:30AM Dave Franson	Peggy Halferty	9:30AM Joanne Chase
10:45AM	Debbie Spurling	Rosemary Hanson		Rosemary Hanson	
Lector					
8:15AM	Terry Adams	Tom Burnside	9:30AM Suzie Franson	John/Anne Keiser	9:30AM Ed Benson
10:45AM	Suzy Cassidy	Ed Benson		Linda Velebir	
8:15 Cantor/ Music Leader	Jack Boller	Warren Wambsgans	Andy Velebir	John Cassidy	Jack Boller

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.



October Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Stephen Lilleberg	1	Rosemary Munson	12
Hallie Lynn	1	Autumn Dukich	13
Brittney Hower	3	Victoria Spurling	13
Bailey Dukich	6	Debbie Spurling	14
David Franson	7	Sue Van Gerpen	19
Tess Huestes	9	Riley Buckmaster	20
Pat Thomas	9	Courtney Adams	23
Joan Moe	9	Eli Auxter	27
Matt Rodriguez	9	Joyce Ayers	29
Kaelynn Sampson	10	Connie Som	29



Anniversaries!



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. 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.

Hospitality Coffee Hour: Fellowship and Worship Assistants



We like to encourage a combined fellowship/coffee hour between services in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10:30.AM 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 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 Worship

9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

9:30-10:30AM Sunday School

9:45-10:30AM Submerge Teen Time

9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed

10:45AM Praise Worship



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Andy Velebir—Worship & Music

Vacancy—Piano

Sue Oster—Custodian

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