

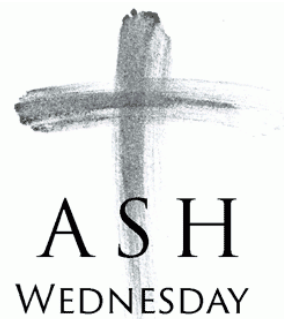
Upcoming Events in February



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—6pm

This is an annual festival of fun and games and breakfast for dinner! All ages are welcome to enjoy this meal together as we eat sweets and treats prior to entering the season of Lent.

Can't wait to see you there! Some of our folks will be back from Trinidad to celebrate.



Ash Wednesday Worship—7pm

All are welcome to attend this service that marks the beginning of Lent—a season of 40 days—In Lent we prepare to witness the death and resurrection of Jesus and are reminded of the incredible gifts we receive from our Lord and Savior.



Lent Soup Supper and Worship 6pm Soup, 7pm Worship begins on March 4th and will end on April 1st

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday is on April 9th @ 6pm

Good Friday is on April 10th @ 7pm

24 hr. Prayer Vigil **NEW** starting Sat. at 6:30am, ending Sun. 6:30am



Mt Si GOOD NEWSletter

FEBRUARY 2020

WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY

~Feb. 2nd

9:30am Children and Youth led Worship

~Feb. 9th

8:15am Worship

9:35—Education

10:45am Worship

~Feb. 16th

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~Feb. 23rd

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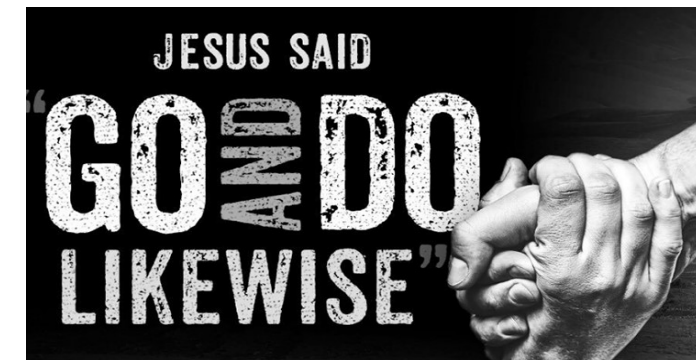
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10:45am Worship

~Feb. 26th

ASH WEDNESDAY

7pm Worship



Pastor's Note

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

This month I have the joy of going with several families from Mt Si to serve in Trinidad and Tobago. I thank the congregation for supporting me in this effort and for supporting the whole team who are going to represent each of you! As we are in Trinidad building a home I would ask for your prayers each day. In those prayers I would ask that you include

1. a prayer for health of all our team members
2. A prayer for opportunities to share the Gospel and our love for Jesus
3. A prayer for the family we are building a home for—that this home will offer stability and a bright future and pull them out of a cycle of poverty.
4. A prayer for the people of Trinidad and Tobago—that they may experience moments of love and joy in their lives just as we pray that for ourselves and those we hold dear.



We are looking for hands to help feed our neighbors in need each fourth Wednesday of the month at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Our next day to serve is **February 26th**

The food of the month we are collecting is:
Canned Meat
Chicken, tuna, salmon, etc..

Thank you in advance for your prayers. I know it has been a strength to me on previous mission trips to know that I do not go alone, but with a whole community of faith supporting me and the work of those sent to serve.

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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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UPCOMING COUNCIL EFFORTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

- 1. Bringing Baby Grand Piano** into the worship space. We are making progress on this! The front pew by the pulpit has been removed to make room for the new piano. Work to find out cost of moving is the next step. .
- 2. Watching our budget.** The council is keeping a close eye on spending. All committees will be receiving monthly print-outs with their spending so everyone knows what is going on.
- 3. Council Priorities** for 2020 have been set. The council is focusing on three goals for 2020. Goal 1 is the help each ministry of Mt Si to shape their events and plans around our Mission Statement and help ministry teams to articulate the mission in all we do. Goal 2 is to be active in considering new funding streams and working to determine where budgets may need to be adjusted to meet our current giving. Goal 3 Develop clear evangelism and outreach plan for 2020!

Council What you need to know!

2020 is a year of invitation and engagement with our members and wider community!

“SERVING—REACHING OUT—GROWING
IN GRACE”

As we enter into the New Year, we are looking at ways we can grow our ministry and fulfill our mission statement, “serving, reaching out, growing in grace”. To facilitate this, the council has chosen to focus on three areas. We will be working through the various ministries to assure that our mission statement is a living document and not just some nice sounding words we hang on the wall. To implement this, we will be asking each of the ministries to develop a goal for the year. We also will be focusing on community outreach and being more intentional in reaching out to our internal community and our external community. Our third focus area will be the budget. We will be closely monitoring our finances and be ready to take steps to reduce expenditures if necessary. I am excited about our possibilities and look forward to working with all of you to meet our goals. If you are interested get involved by serving on one of the ministry committees, contact Pastor Krista, John Grebe, or any of the council members.

Blessings to you all.

Jack Boller

Guest Pastors For February 16th and 23rd



Feb. 16th Pastor David Hahn will preach and preside at worship. During our Adult Education time he will teach about the following initiation in our Synod.

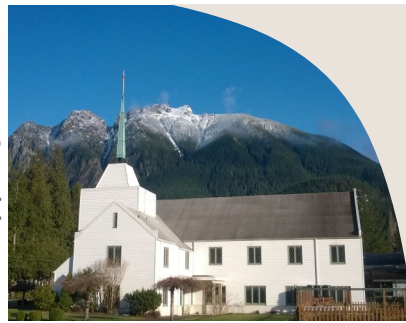
There is a new initiative in our Synod to help inform and guide the development of a new lay school of ministry in our synod: Living into Vocational Engagement (LiVE!)

LiVE! will be a way to accompany lay leaders in our synod who wish to discover, deepen, and participate more fully in God's call in their lives. The Rev. David Hahn, PhD will be taking the lead on this initiative. Most recently Rev. Hahn has been serving as the leader of the Synod's Living Local initiative, which encourages and teaches congregations how to connect more deeply with the community around them.



Feb. 23rd Pastor Chris Ode will preach and preside at worship. During our Adult Education time he will teach about a unique prison ministry in our Synod.

Established in 2006, Living Stones Prison Congregation is a ministry of the ELCA operating "behind the walls" of the Washington Corrections Center (Shelton). Pastor Chris Ode spends his time ministering directly to the members of the congregation, developing reentry resources and opportunities, and sharing stories from "the inside" with outside congregations and community groups. He lives happily with the funniest woman on earth, two inquisitive young children, and a pair of loyal - but dense - Labrador retrievers. In his spare time, he produces and performs with a local theatre and film company. Learn more about Living Stones at livingstonesprisoncongrega-



Children and Adult Education

Recycle! Reduce! Reuse!

This year as you put away your Christmas decorations we ask that you bring back your container & **unburnt** candles used in making the Advent wreaths rather than throwing them away! Each year the Parish Education committee purchases these items and would like to recycle them if possible not only to save money but to cut down on refuse as well. We would love to collect any flower arrangement containers you use throughout this year that might be appropriate for next year's wreaths. Please place them in the specially marked box in Fellowship Hall! Thanks for helping us be more responsible by recycling

SPARK!

Sunday school Update! SPARK! February is here! We are excited to explore the Spark Curriculum lessons and travel together with the rest of the church learning about Jesus' ministry and life. We continue to explore our theme of Discipleship: Go & Do Likewise!! How do we follow Jesus' Example?

Please join us February 2nd with One Worship service at 9:30 with the youth leading much of the service. (Those participating should arrive 15 minutes earlier.) The theme is **Discipleship: Follow Me** and the kids will be sharing what they learned the past weeks during Sunday school. We have been talking about the church's many different ministries & how God calls all people of all ages to serve him.

Coming up!

February 2nd	One Worship! - 9:30
February 9th	Four Friends - SS 9:35
February 16th	The Good Samaritan - SS 9:35
February 23rd	The Lost Sheep & the Coin - SS 9:35
March 1st	One Worship! 9:30

*Beginning in February our Sunday School offering will go to the Quilters ministry for supplies & shipping costs! We're excited to support this amazing ministry!

**Don't forget to check out our Sunday school bulletin board in fellowship for all the latest news!

Shrove Tuesday

On February 25 at 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 veggie), fresh fruit, and sweets! All are welcome! Watch for a sign up sheet!



Etta Katocs	Feb. 01
Edwin Benson	Feb. 02
Marge Bliss	Feb. 02
Blake Imsland	Feb. 03
Steve Huestis	Feb. 09
Marlin Olson	Feb. 09
Ethan Yocom	Feb. 09
Jim Flanagan	Feb. 10
Stuart King	Feb. 12
Dave Spurling	Feb. 12

Annabelle Cassidy	Feb. 13
Kaiya Rhyne	Feb. 14
Jenny Lynch	Feb. 19
Lindsey Flanagan	Feb. 20
Toren Rhyne	Feb. 23



Don Jr & Brenda Davis
Feb. 8

Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler
Feb. 09

Steve & Shelly Huestis
Feb. 14

Brent and Dana Koukol
Feb. 15

Tom & Inge Burnside
Feb. 21

HAVE QUESTIONS?
PLEASE TALK TO A
STAFF MEMBER
OR COUNCIL
MEMBER



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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Grace Grants

From the February edition of The Spirit

I am excited to announce that the application process for Northwest Washington Synod Grace Grants is open. Thanks to the vision and desire for continued ministry, Grace Lutheran, Bellevue gave the synod council a percentage of their proceeds when they closed their ministry. The synod council, in turn, wants to invest this money in congregations and ministry sites who are doing faithful innovation. In that spirit, Grace Grants were born.

For each of the next three years, \$100,000 will be made available for congregations and ministry sites to apply for Grace Grants. If other congregations, institutions or individuals would like to contribute to this-fund, the synod council will continue Grace grants beyond these initial three years.

Congregations and ministry sites are welcome to apply for grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000. The council welcomes all applications. In particular, the Grace Grant Committee and synod council are looking for congregations who are faithfully looking into the future, trusting God, and seeing new

possibilities in sharing the story of Jesus.

As you consider these grants, these questions might help you discern what God is up to in your area of the synod:

- What is happening in your church's neighborhood? Where do you see possibilities for partnership or collaboration?
- What is our unique ELCA identity and witness?
- Are there avenues to talk with and listen to those outside the walls of the church?
- How can we equip disciples and our own community of faith?
- How can we foster a spirit of connection across the synod?
- What are the resources needed to develop new leaders?
- How can we partner with young adults, listening and collaborating?
- Where are the places we can be more eco-friendly in our church buildings?
- Who are those marginalized?
- Who are those discriminated against?

Of course, there are other areas to consider for ministry through these Grace Grants. These are just a few ideas that might help.

As you prepare, here are some important dates:

- February 1 - Grant Application Period open, find form on synod website.

- May 1 - Applications due. No late applications will be accepted.
- May - Grant committee review will take place.
- June 5 - Final approval of Grants by Synod Council.
- June 6 - Notification of grants awarded at Synod Assembly.
- July 1 - Grants to be funded

Grants need to be used between July 1, 2020 & April 1, 2021. Grants are potentially renewable.

I hope you find this opportunity as exciting as the Northwest Washington Synod Council. We are excited to continue vitalizing our congregations and ministry sites into the future – as we trust God is walking with us, leading us and guiding us.

Grace & Peace,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

If anyone has a proposal for a Grace Grant for Mt Si Lutheran please submit in writing a complete proposal to our Council President Jack Boller.
Thank You!

Children, Youth and Family Updates

Is it really February, wow I can't believe it? During this month some of us will be working with Habitat for Humanity in Trinidad and Tabago, I have always been richly blessed by travelling and experiencing other cultures, my thoughts and prayers go with those going on the trip! Speaking of travel, the ELCA National Youth Gathering is next summer in Minneapolis! I would like the congregation to lift up in prayer our youth as they discern whether or not to go. The Gathering takes place every 3 years and consists of approximately 30,000 youth and adults from all over the country! It will take place June 29 - July 3 2021, please encourage our youth to consider this opportunity. If we decide to go we will need your support in our fundraising efforts, if you feel inclined consider sponsoring or partially sponsoring one of them. Your words of encouragement will certainly encourage them..

Upcoming events and dates

—Children's ministry and Kids Club: February 14 is Valentine's Day and we are considering taking Kids Club bowling and for pizza! All kids will be welcome to join us on this outing. More details to come with a sign up in the narthex.

—February 15 – 23 is mid-winter break which provides us with opportunities for CYF to have fellowship and conversations. I will be putting together a few opportunities for youth and families. I would love to meet you for food and fellowship. If you have some free time let me know!

—Compline on Sunday February 16, this is an open invite to all ages. We can go into Seattle for dinner, a little bit of fun, and worship at St. Mark's Cathedral. Let John know if you are interested in going.

—Vacation Bible Study August: 2-6, it is that time of year again get ready for VBS, we are considering the dates of August 2-6 and would appreciate any feedback that you might have whether it is about attendance or volunteering. The theme will be the Archaeological quest for the Mummified Colored Coat of Joseph!

—Lopez Camping: Aug 22-25, we have reserved 8 camp sites for up to 40 people. As of right now we have approximately 30 members signed up. If you are interested please feel free to make a reservation with a \$20 deposit with John Grebe, Janey Benson, or Ambur Brown. Additional camping sites will come available for reservations 90 days prior to August 22nd. The official opening day for reservations with Odlin County Parks is Monday March 2nd but individual sites cannot be booked until 90 days prior to the day you plan on arriving. RV camping is permissible, but the sites require boondocking.



A Jar Has Been Found!

A Bible Study Seminar

A jar has been found. This jar contains fragments of texts that appear to be from the Bible. The outside of the jar has letters and words in the ancient Greek language. There are also engravings of an individual in ancient dress. An inscription on the bottom of the jar reads: "To: Mt Si Lutheran Church"

There is evidence that more jars are yet to be found.

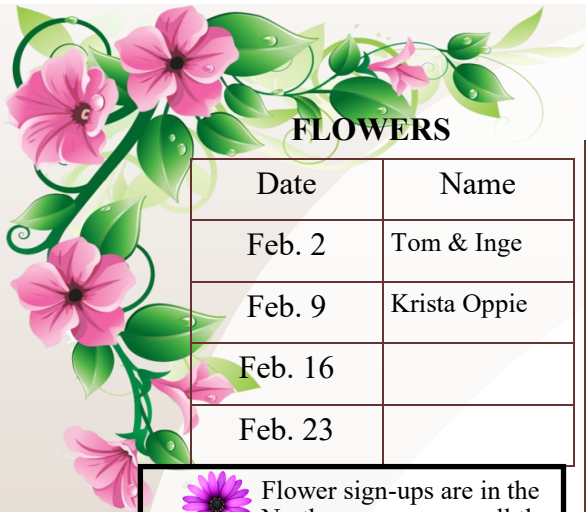
It has been decided that we should seek to determine the messages of the garments contained in the jar. After all, the jar was addressed to us@ Therefore on Saturday, bible study seminar will include something for all ages. To discover the message in theologians, and pastors and teachers. You will learn how to approach the text using the procedures of observation, interpretation, and application.

To insure we have enough supplies and tools (please bring your own excavation equipment) to complete this project please sign up as soon as possible. More information will be coming as we near the project date.

"God's word is hid. Not from us but for us!"

Discovery is our motivation and opportunity.

March 21st, 9:30am-2:00pm



FLOWERS

Date	Name
Feb. 2	Tom & Inge
Feb. 9	Krista Oppie
Feb. 16	
Feb. 23	



Flower sign-ups are in the Narthex or you can call the office to sign-up

SUNDAY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 2nd Children and Youth Led Wor- ship @ 9:30am

Texts—re-cap of last
three lessons

Feb. 9th

First Lesson

Psalms 23

Gospel

Four Friends:
Luke 5:17-36

Feb. 16th

First Lesson

Gospel Lesson

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Feb. 23rd

First Lesson

Gospel Lesson

The Lost Sheep &
Coin

Luke 15:1-10

Our Theme for
February is

Discipleship:

4 Go and Do Likewise

Worship Assistants

Dater	Ushers	Lector	Communion	Acolyte
Feb. 2 9:30am	Koukols	Youth	Family	
Feb. 9 8:15am	Mike/Dave V	Rick R	Courtney A	
Feb. 9 10:45am	Mark I/Bill S	Marlin O	Marlin O	
Feb. 16 8:15am	Tom C/Jack B	Tom C	Joanne C	
Feb. 16 10:45am	Mike H	Lisa S	Rosemary H	Sampson Girls
Feb. 23 8:15am	Dave V	NEED	NEED	
Feb. 23 10:45am	Ed b/Bill S	Brenda D	Janey B	Davis Kids

Mount Si Lutheran Church Prayer Chain

For the congregation:

Prayer requests need to be kept confidential. If the person would like to have their name printed on the Sunday bulletin, please let someone from the prayer chain know, and we can pass that information onto Ambur. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please either call or email Grace. She will then share the prayer request via email or phone call. PLEASE inform the prayer chain of updates. Those who are praying like to hear how these "little stories" conclude and if we need to continue in prayer.

For the prayer chain participants:

This new prayer chain will become effective as of February 1, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Flanagan, 425-891-2210.

Day
Pat Thomas 888-0861

Evening
Grace Culver 222-7515

Email

Grace Culver (tooters4you@earthlink.net) Etta Katocs, Leslie Hatling, Lorraine Wilkerson, Suzy Cassidy, Sue Oster, Paul and Laura Ritzenthaler, Courtney Adams, Dave Spurling, Kay Boyle, Jane Benson, Inge Burnside, Dana Koukol, Sheila Rodriguez, Ann Keiser, Nancy Flanagan, Lisa Sampson, Jennifer Rhyne, Vivian Waid, Debbie Jones, Erica Haycox, Enid Gast, Deb Mach, Joanne Chase, Marlin Olson, John Grebe, Suzy Schuba, Pastor Krista


And He shall live;
And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him;
Prayer also will be made for Him continually,
And daily He shall be praised.
Psalm 72:15

Black Dog Arts Coalition presents another "Leisure Time with Leisure Time" radio show with 3 brand new episodes. Performance dates are February 14 and 15 at the Black Dog restaurant in Snoqualmie. Shows start at 7:30pm. Suggested donation of \$15, \$12 for seniors. Recommend getting to the restaurant early as they really don't take reservations. (They may be able to reserve for a large party) Have dinner and a show with your Valentine's. Family friendly too (maybe not real young kids though) Added bonus - Ed Benson and John Cassidy are two of the actors in this show - directed by William Stone.



February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>*While Pastor Krista is in Trinidad please call John Grebe for Pastoral Emergencies at (360) 920-5876</i>						1 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
<i>*Pastor's Days off are Monday and Friday</i>						
2 9:30am Child and Youth Led Worship Annual Meeting Following Fellowship	3 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	4	5 6-8pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner & Faith	6 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 11:30am Bday Luncheon 6pm AA Bible study	7 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club	8 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
9 8:15am Worship 9:35am Education and Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship	10 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	11 6pm Evangelism Meeting 7pm Council Meeting	12 6-8pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner & Faith	13 9:30am Needle Art Fellowship 6pm AA Bible study 7pm AA	14 1:30-6:00pm Kid's Club 	15 8:30am Men's Bible Study @ Country Pride
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