MOUNT SI LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

December 2016

Special Points of Interest:

- Dec. 6th—6:30-8PM Sno-Valley Winter Shelter Forum
- Dec. 10th—10:30AM-12:30PM Women's Christmas Brunch
- Dec. 11th—9:30AM Children's Christmas Pageant —3:30-5PM Sno-Valley Winter Shelter Forum
- Dec. 13th—6PM Committees —7PM Council Meeting
- Dec. 23rd—Office closed
- Dec. 24th—7PM & 10PM Candlelight Worship
- Dec. 25th—9:30AM Worship
- Dec. 26th—Office closed

Dec. 24, 2016
CHRISTMAS EVE
7PM & 10PM WORSHIP

Dec. 25, 2016
CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30AM WORSHIP

Jan. 1, 2017
NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:30AM WORSHIP

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From Pastor Larry's Desk.....

Christmas New

Larry E. Thomas, Interim Pastor

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one of a kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish. John 1, The Message translation, Eugene H. Peterson

Here's my Advent/December/Christmas confession: I'm not a big fan of Christmas. Don't get me wrong; I'm grateful to God for the gift of Christ and the Christian doctrine of the Incarnation: "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." I love the gospel Christmas stories in Matthew, Luke, and John and my favorite Christmas carols: "Of the Father's Love Begotten," "In the Bleak Midwinter," and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

While I'm not a big fan of Christmas, I'm not a Christmas curmudgeon; I still get teary-eyed watching "It's A Wonderful Life," before or after Christmas day. I enjoy family Christmas gatherings and reading Christmas cards and letters and exchanging Christmas gifts. I love Christmas cookies and eggnog lattes and the shimmering, simple, spectacle of a Christmas tree all lit up with (preferably) white lights. I'm just not a big fan of all the trappings of Christmas secular and otherwise.

What helps me get ready for Advent/December/Christmas, what I look forward to as much as anything else this time of year is Christmas New. Let me explain. Christmas New is new Christmas music; new Christmas stories; pretty much new Christmas anything. My soul is heartened by any and all creative and artistic efforts to share the story of Christmas – Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, the angelic alleluias sung to shepherds and the birth of Christ in new ways, new forms, new expressions.

I remember the first time I heard John Fahey's "New Possibility" solo guitar recording of traditional Christmas carols. It was earthy and gritty Christmas New. Or the first time I read, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by Barbara Robinson. It was reverent and playful Christmas New. Permit me one more: "Northern Nativity," by William Kurelek. Mr. Kurelek set the nativity in the northern snows of Canada. A boy dreams that Christ is born to Eskimos; that the nativity takes place in a fisherman's hut; that the holy family finds refuge in a grain barn and a country school. It was "The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood" Christmas New.

This year, I get to celebrate Christmas New with you – the members and friends of Mt. Si Lutheran Church. I look forward to the children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 11 and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. I am looking forward to sharing Christmas stories and singing the Christmas carols anew with you, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Upcoming Events!

Mt. Si Presents a Children's Christmas Program—Dec. 11, 2016

This year we are excited to have a special Christmas program put on by the children at Mt SI Lutheran! They will be performing the traditional Christmas story of Jesus' birth. The dress rehearsal is on Saturday, December 10th at 3:00, followed by a small celebration. The performance is on Sunday, December 11th between the first and second services at approximately 9:30. The coffee hour will be right after the service. We will also still have Sunday School that day starting at ten.

Please join us on Sunday the 11th! Stay after the first service or come a little early if you usually go to the second service. It's been several years since we've had a pageant at Mt SI Lutheran, so the children are very excited to be able to participate this year and would love to have you come!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
Sat., December 24th @ 7:00PM & 10:00PM

We offer <u>two</u> candlelight services at Mount Si Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve. The first service will be offered at 7 pm with special music from the praise team. The later traditional service will begin at 10 pm. Each service will reflect the joy of the Messiah arriving in our midst and we will celebrate the gentle rule of Christ that begins with a baby on Christmas morning!

Please invite family, neighbors, and friends to join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior—Jesus Christ!

All contributions will need to be made by **Dec. 28, 2016** to be recorded on your 2016 Mt. Si Contribution Statement. By law, any checks received after Dec. 31, 2016 regardless of the date, will be recorded on your 2017 contribution statement. The last deposit for contributions will be made on Dec. 28, 2016.

Any purchases you have made for Mt. Si, but are not asking for reimbursement, must still be on your Mt. Si contribution statement in order to be a tax deduction. To get those purchases/expenses on your contribution statement, please fill out an "Unreimbursed Expenditures" form and turn it in to Leslie Hatling by Jan.15, 2017. Forms are available on the table by elevator in the Narthex, or from the office.

**2017 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like them, please see Leslie Hatling, Financial Secretary, and let her know if you want weekly or monthly envelopes.

VALLEY RENEWAL CENTER

Working together to end homelessness in our community

The Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter provides a warm, safe place where homeless persons can be protected against the impact of sleeping in the cold, wet, and snowy conditions during the winter. Our secondary mission is to help people move towards stable and independent living through building relationships and connecting them to resources that could help them move forward. During the winter months, we are open nightly from 8:30pm-7:30am (with staff on site from 8pm-8am). There are many ways to get involved in this great mission. From meal preparation and sharing conversations, to helping out at the registration desk, supervising the meal service, to the donation of needed items and other resources, we need your time and passion to support people in need in our community. To find out how you can help, go to www.valleyrenewalcenter.com.

2016 / 2017 Locations:

Nov 20 - Jan 18: Snoqualmie United Methodist Church

Jan 19 - Mar 4: Mt Si Lutheran Church

Mar 5 - Apr 26: Fall City United Methodist Church

(end date may change, do to available funding)

Shelter Community Forum:
Dec. 6th 6:30-8:00PM
Mt. Si Lutheran Fellowship Hall
Dec. 11th 3:30-5:00PM
Mt. Si Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Parish Education News!

Our Sunday School season is off and running! Come check us out! There are classes for all ages, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs! Check the schedule below:

***Children's Sunday School: 9:35-10:30 AM**
***Adult Education Hour: 9:45-10:30 AM**

No Sunday School Dec. 25 or Jan. 1 Resume Sunday School Jan. 8, 2017

Sunday School Staff for the 2016-2017 School Year:
Preschool: Nancy Flanagan and Rosemary Hanson
Kindergarten/First Grade: Lisa Sampson and Debbie Jones
Second/Third: Courtney Adams and Ann Bartlett
Fourth/Fifth: Kim Buckmaster and Joanne Chase
Confirmation: Pr. Larry/Confirmation Parents
Adult Education Hour: Pr. Larry & Sue Shardelman

Adult Forum for Fall

The adult group is reading and discussing the book **"Mudhouse Sabbath"** by Lauren Winner. The topics scheduled for December are candle lighting, weddings, and door posts. Pastor Larry and Sue Shardelman will be leading these discussions. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the library for lively conversation & fellowship. We meet at **9:45 am.**

Book Information: Here are the details if you would like to pick up a copy of the book. Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline, Study Edition, by Lauren F. Winner, Paraclete Press, 2015, ISBN: 978-1612614533.

Schedule Notes

December 25th: No SS—Christmas Day—Only one service at 9:30AM
January 1, 2017: No SS—New Year's Day—Only one service at 9:30AM
January 8, 2017: Resume Sunday School

Church office will be closed Dec. 23rd & 26th, and Jan. 2, 2017

Advent Prayer Walk! This year throughout the season of Advent, the Parish Education Committee has set up a prayer walk! What is a prayer walk you may ask? A prayer walk is a series of stations with activities that open our hearts and minds to God and to what He is telling us through His Word. This helps us reflect and know what this season of Advent really means to our lives right now in this moment. Four new stations will be set up each week in the basement for you to visit through the week. Come and experience Advent!

Christmas Day—Dec. 25, 2016
One Worship Service at 9:30AM
Church office will be closed Dec. 23rd & 26th

New Year's Day—Jan. 1, 2017
One Worship Service at 9:30AM
Church office will be closed Jan. 2nd

We're Looking For A Pianist for 8:15 am Traditional Worship Service

Mt. Si Lutheran Church is looking for a pianist to play for the 8:15 am traditional worship service. The job description is pretty simple: play three Sundays a month for the 8:15 am traditional worship service (through May.) For more information, contact Larry Thomas, Interim Pastor @ ledgarthomas@gmail.com

Acolyte Training—If your third grade (or older) daughter or son would like to be trained as an acolyte to serve at either the 8:15 or 10:45 am worship services, please contact Pastor Larry at ledgarthomas@gmail.com or by phone at (425) 802-1212.

LIBRARY NEWS—As Advent and Christmas draws near, our church library has chosen books to help us prepare for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. A few of these books are on the display table. Also, a list of books for your use, and our card file, will help you find other books on our shelves. If If you have questions, please ask Connie Som, Sue Oster, Keira Booth-Risner, or Joyce Ayers.

Refugee & Immigrant Children's Program

Can you help provide a home to a refugee youth who has fled violence, war, and persecution? Lutheran Community Services NW Refugee and Immigrant Children's Program needs Seattle area individuals and couples willing to become licensed foster parents for refugee minors. Join us for our next info meeting on December 12 at 6pm. Contact Paul with questions and to RSVP at 206-694-5780 or ptan@lcsnw.org.

Thrivent Builds

Habitat for Humanity | Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Coming Summer July 22-30, 2017! Erik and Jenna Rhyne are inviting YOU to travel with them to El Salvador! Together we'll help build a home for a family trying to overcome poverty in El Salvador, with Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Builds. Efforts will involve assisting the partner family in building their new home, and there will also be side trips for cultural activities. Ages 16 and older, no skills necessary. There is a job for everyone! In this time of uncertainty, let's take steps together to make our world a better place.

Can't participate in the build? We still need you! We have many ways for you to take part in this powerful mission.

Interest meeting coming in January! Contact Jenna at rhyne.jennifer@gmail.com for more details.

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY FOOD BANK

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 2016 Council Members

President Heidi Dukich 2018 (2) Email: hedukich@hotmail.com	**Vice President** Jack Boller 2018 (2) Email: jboller2@comcast.net	**Secretary** Nancy Flanagan 2017 (1) Email: nf2469@gmail.com	**Treasurer** Annual Renewal Jeff King Email: jeff_king_pnw@yahoo.com
Courtney Adams 2017 (2) Email: courtneymadams@hotmail.com	Ann Bartlett 2017 (1) Email: anniemb67@outlook.com	Janey Benson 2018 (1) Email: bensonja@yahoo.com	Peggy Halferty 2018 (1) Email: mah065551@gmail.com
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Paul Ritzenthaler 2018 (2) Email: paul.ritz@comcast.net	**Council Corner!**		

Submitted by Heidi Dukich, Church Council President

Peace and blessings to you this Advent Season.

On November 6th, we shared a wonderful brunch at the congregation meeting. Members voted to approve the 2017 budget and two new council members. Thank you to **Suzy Cassidy** and **John Keiser** for volunteering to serve on church council for 2017. Serving on council is a commitment and I would like to acknowledge my appreciation to **Paul Dukich** (6 years) and **Peggy Hafferty** (1 year) for your year/s of service.

The congregation also voted for the following members to serve on the Call Committee: **John Cassidy, Ed Benson, Tom Som, Lisa Sampson, Erica Haycox, Leslie Hatling and Riley Buckmaster with Sue Shardelman and Tom Burnside as alternates.** The Call Committee will be installed at both services on December 4th.

Other committee accomplishments in November included closing our bank accounts at Bank of America and transferring all assets to Umpqua Bank. Thank you to the Stewardship & Finance committee for their diligent work to make this an easy transition. The process continues to move forward with the sale of the parsonage with the help from the Building & Grounds committee, Jack Boller, and Jonathan Pearlstein. The letter of intent for the sale of the parsonage has been signed and LEO is taking steps to receive an approved septic design and permit.

As a reminder, in preparation for hosting the winter shelter between January 19th and March 4th there are two community forums scheduled, December 6th and 11th that will be held in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the shelter, please plan on attending or reach out to council members.

Things to know:

- The December committee night will be meeting on December 13th at 6 p.m. followed by the council meeting at 7 p.m. The committee nights are an opportunity to learn about what is happening at Mt. Si Lutheran and several opportunities to get involved, everyone is welcome.
- The annual congregation meeting will be January 29th, please plan on attending as we will be voting on updates made to the Bylaws and Constitution for Mt Si Lutheran Church. Come to hear about all the great things that happened at Mt. Si the past year (2016) and how you can be a part of more great things in the coming year!

Annual Congregational Meeting—Jan. 29, 2017
9:30AM Worship followed by Annual Meeting
Mt. Si Voting Members will vote on Mount Si's Revised Draft Constitution & Bylaws and vote to approve the Proposed Bylaws changes (copies of Mt. Si's Revised Draft Constitution & Bylaws along with Proposed Bylaws changes are available in the Narthex and on the church website at www.mtsilutheran.org)

All Committee Chairs are asked to submit your Annual Report by Jan. 15, 2017

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.

What's Happening...

Mount Si Women of Christ Christmas Brunch

"A Cookie Cutter Christmas"

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. Psalm 139:14

What? Women of all ages are invited to join together for a festive celebration of Christmas! Come for food, fellowship, games, door prizes, and a drawing for a hand-made quilt!

When? Saturday, December 10 from 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Where? Mount Si Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

What to bring? A friend and a brunch dish to share!
A freewill love offering will be collected for the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall

We hope to see everyone there!

Any questions? See Sheila Rodriguez or Courtney Adams

House of Hope Giving Tree

This year the Mount Si Women of Christ are honored once again to sponsor a Christmas giving tree for the women & children living at the House of Hope/Mama's Hands houses. Each year we do this to provide gifts for the families who are displaced so they have something to open on Christmas. The houses currently have 9 moms and 16 kids. The tree, located in Fellowship Hall has 3 gift tags for each of the moms and children labeled with specific gift requests. If you are able to help this year we ask that you:

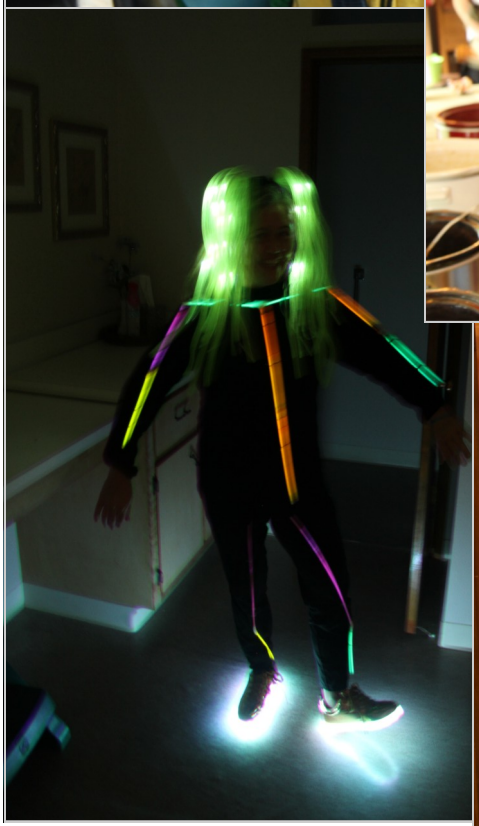
1. *Choose a tag*
2. *Buy the requested gift*
3. *Return the gift, **wrapped –with original tag attached** by Sunday, **December 18th**.*
   *This is a wonderful way to share our blessings with those less fortunate. **Thank you for your support!***

Mt. Si's Annual Family Harvest Carnival-2016

The Harvest Carnival was a great success this year with lots of people in attendance and in costume, including a Cowboy Author. The event started with food, as most good Lutheran social events do. There were hot dogs, chips, and popcorn served by the stylishly costumed Ed and Jane Benson. And of course there was plenty of tasty chili choices in the Chili Cook-off--for the cook-off, there was a tie between Vicki Wallentine and Terry Adams (checkout the new trophy in Fellowship Hall). For dessert, there was a cookie decorating station with Suzy Cassidy helping the kids. And, a cupcake walk organized by the Lindsey and Rachel Flanagan. Nancy Flanagan helped run the crafts for the kids. Lots of ghosts, goblin, and even a ladybug took part in a great costume contest. Debbie Jones and Shelly Harding helped to organize the *Trunk or Treat* event which gets better every year,--check out the pictures on the bulletin board and start planning on your entry for next year.

I'd especially like to thank everyone who helped to set up for the Carnival and got everything ready. The decorations were awesome this year including a huge pumpkin by Vicki; but it took a bunch of people to get the decorations ready, thanks to Margie Powers, Vicki Wallentine, Tom Chase, John Cassidy, Courtney & Terry Adams, Ed & Jane Benson, Debbie Jones, Nancy, Jim, Lindsey & Rachel Flannagan.

Mount St Lutheran Church
Chili Cook-Off Champion



MOBILE GHOST CONTAINMENT UNIT
CAUTION
DANGER
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Family Advent Festival

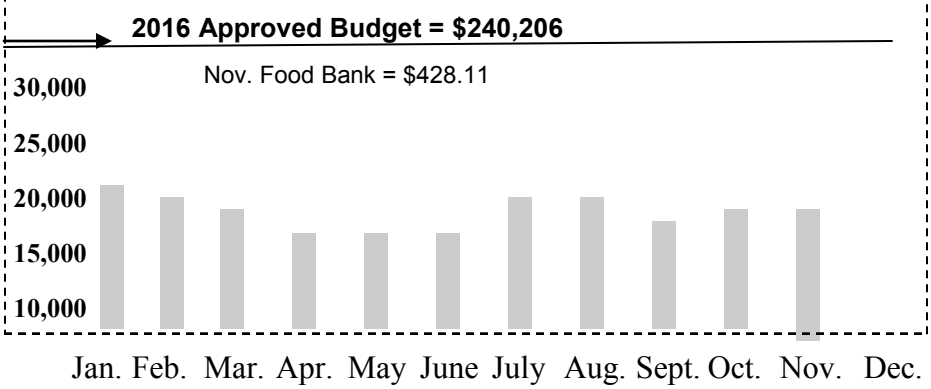
Advent

Thank you to all who helped make the Family Advent Festival a huge success! We also were able to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! We couldn't have done it without a lot of help and we especially thank the Sunday School Teachers for the wonderful coffee hour and goodies.

F.Y.I.

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

2016 Monthly Giving



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.

in transition

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 Mt. Si Lutheran.

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.

Each of these Worship Assistant positions are vital to each Sunday service.

Church Photo Directory

Photo directory corrections/changes:

Nancy Anderson (425) 888-2907
100 Timber Ridge Way NW, #6303
Issaquah, WA 98027

Christmas and New Year Blessings to all of you from the staff at Mt. Si Lutheran

In Christ,

~Pastor Larry Thomas ~Rachel Combs
~Sheila Rodriguez ~Jeff King
~Sue Oster ~Leslie Hatling

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

Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study

Come join the men at 8AM and review the Sunday readings and lessons for that Sunday. All men are welcome. For more information, contact Paul Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294.
Location: Mt. Si Golf Course

Bible Study for WOMEN

The Monday Women's Bible Study Group is studying the Book of Genesis. Please join us every Monday a 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Grace Culver at 425 222-7515 or Betty Shardelman at 425 888-0772.

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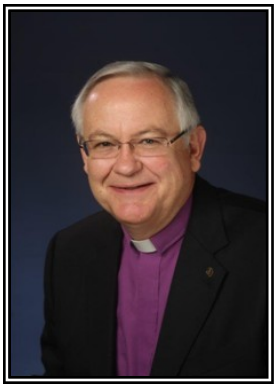


Loss of a Loyal Partner

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

I knew she would be the right person to share ministry with when she said, "I want to be a part of a church where my friends would want to go." A single sentence that spoke volumes to me. It aligned so well with where my heart for ministry has been anchored. When Kathryn Buffum spoke of her friends they were not church people. They were people that she shared life with in her Seward Park Neighborhood and at the University of Washington Dental School.

This shared desire to try to be church in a way that creates greater access for those outside of the church led to our sharing in ministry together for over a decade. First, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Renton and later as we both have served the Office of Bishop for the Northwest Washington Synod.

Kathryn has been my go to person. Her ability to wade through mountains of information and make sense of it has been invaluable. Her eye for detail is very sharp. Her ability to constantly renew what needs to be on the agenda is a real asset. Her locality to the work we shared was not to be questioned. Her ability to deliver on projects left me in awe. The range of knowledge she possessed from Biblical to Human Relations matters was impressive. What she didn't know she was willing to research and learn. Her responsiveness to the needs of the Synod reflected her deep desire to be a Servant. The graciousness with which she dealt with even difficult people revealed her deepest held values. And the love she had to serve the church in the call to be Assistant to the Office of Bishop was always evident.

You are probably getting a pretty clear picture of why none of us in the Synod Office were prepared to face the reality that Kathryn would have to set aside her call because her health could no longer sustain the demands of work. We have been grieving, praying and wondering about how to move forward.

We quickly discovered we are not alone. So many cards and well wishes have been offered up to Kathryn and expressions of support for the work of the Synod. It is clear how deeply loved and appreciated Kathryn is.

Kathryn is wrestling with an auto immune disease known as vasculitis. It has robbed her of strength and for a period of time her mobility. The hoped for outcome is to drive the disease into remission allowing Kathryn to regain her strength through vigorous physical rehabilitation. Not an easy assignment.

Knowing Kathryn, she will take on her health challenges the way she has faced all of life's challenges. She will research it and learn as much as possible. She will put heart and soul into her recovery. Kathryn has real grit and I have never heard her complain about anything. If anyone can make a strong comeback it will be Kathryn. A big part of her motivation will be her desire to continue to be a faithful servant of Jesus. Kathryn knows that her dream that the church might be a place where her friends would want to go has not yet been realized.

Will you please join me in offering up our heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation for Kathryn's ministry. And please pray for her complete recovery so she can get back to making the dream come true.

(We are working on a job description and hope to have a new call in place by the first of the year. Prayers are greatly appreciated during this transition. +BKU)

Stay in touch and in the know!

Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? www.lutheransnw.org/calendar

Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe

Mt. Si Lutheran

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 3:30-5:30PM G.S. Troop #42902 6:45PM Call Committee Meeting 7PM AA	2	3 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
4 Second Sunday of Advent 8:15AM Traditional Worship Installation of Call Committee 9:35-10:30 AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 9:35AM Confirmation Class 10:45AM Praise Worship Installation of Call Committee	5 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 5:30-7:30PM G.S. Troop #43665	6 **6:30-8PM Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter Community Forum (Fellowship Hall)**	7	8 7PM AA	9 Decorating for the Women's Brunch 	10 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course **10:30am-12:30pm Women's Christmas Brunch** **3PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**
11 Third Sunday of Advent 8:15AM Traditional Worship **9:30AM Children's Christmas Pageant** 10:00-10:30 AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship **3:30-5PM Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter Community Forum (Fellowship Hall)**	12 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 5:30-7:30PM G.S. Troop #43665 (basement) 6:15-7:45PM Cub Scout Den #5	13 **6PM All Committee Night Meeting** **7PM Council meeting**	14 **EARLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 	15 4:45-7:45PM G.S. Troop #42902 Basement 7PM AA	16 7-9PM Piano Recital (Sue Schuba)	17 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:15AM Traditional Worship 9:35-10:30 AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship Rite of Holy Baptism	19 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	20	21	22 7PM AA	23 **Holiday (office closed)** 	24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 7PM & 10PM**
25 Christmas Day One Worship Service at 9:30AM 	26 **Holiday (office closed)** 	27	28	29 7PM AA	30	31

Flower Chart for the Sanctuary

DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Dec. 4	Bob & Ann Bartlett	Praise The Lord
Dec. 11	Mike & Kay Kober	In Loving Memory of their son, Chad Kober
Dec. 18	Judy Stoddard	In Honor of Baptisms
Dec. 25		The Nativity of Our Lord / Christmas Day

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 December

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent	Dec. 11 Third Sunday of Advent	Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dec. 24 The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve 7 & 10PM Candlelight Worship	Dec. 25 Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day 9:30AM ONLY
Usher					
8:15AM	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Tom & Connie Som	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	7PM Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	
9:30AM	Coffee Hour Fellowship & Sunday School			10PM	9:30AM Bob & Ann Bartlett
10:45AM	Tom Chase Mark Imsland	Ed & Jane Benson	Mike Hanson Bob Bartlett		
Counters	Nancy Flanagan	Bob Bartlett	Bob Bartlett Ed Benson		(NEEDED)
Communion Assistants					
8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Inge Burnside	Dave Franson		9:30AM
10:45AM	Joanne Chase	Debbie Spurling	Rosemary Hanson		
Lector					
8:15AM	Terry Adams	Tom Burnside	Suzie Franson	7PM Susan Olds, John Keiser, Bob Bartlett, Suzy Cassidy	9:30AM
10:45AM	Joan Guenther	Linda Velebir	Ed Benson	10PM Ed Benson Peggy Halferty, David Van Handel, Tom Burnside	
Cantor/Music	Andy Velebir Rachel Combs	Dave Spurling Carol Reitz	John Cassidy Rachel Combs	Jack Boller Carol Reitz	John Cassidy Carol Reitz

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.

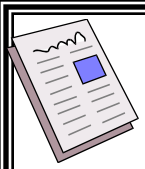
December Birthdays!

NAME	DATE		NAME	DATE
Martha O'Dell	3		Madison Lilleberg	20
Lauralee Ritzenthaler	4		Lissa Lynn	21
Sue Shardelman	5		Kay Boyle	22
John Auxter	10		Giles Franson	23
Joshua Stone	12		Christopher Sampson	24
Rosemary Stethem	13		Don Oster	26
Ed Benson	14		Carol Reitz	26
Zowie Karren	14		Haley Chase	30
Eric Kober	17		Nate Chase	30
Jack Boller	20			

Anniversaries!

Brian & Tammy Hayes	Dec. 2
Dave & Suzie Franson	Dec. 3
John & Lissa Lynn	Dec. 7
Doug & Paula Jones	Dec. 10
Andy & Linda Velebir	Dec. 11
Michael & Rosemary Hanson	Dec. 15
Abe & Mary Abrahamson	Dec. 22

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 NEWSletter** is <u>your</u> 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 9:30-10:30. We need volunteers to sign up for hosting the coffee hour. There is always a sign up sheet at the coffee hour. Sue Oster is our coordinator for the coffee hour fellowship. If you would like to help with our coffee hour fellowship, please contact Sue at 425 888-4056 or soflicka@gmail.com Also, if you are interested in being a worship assistant, please call the office at 888-1322. Mt. Si needs you!

Mount Si's Mission and Vision Statement

THE MISSION OF MOUNT SI LUTHERAN IS:

~SERVING~

Mount Si Lutheran is a Christ centered community in service to others.

~REACHING OUT~

We are following Christ's Great Commission,
bringing others to Christ through our love,
our faith, our hope and our actions.

~GROWING IN GRACE~

As we grow in understanding of God's unconditional acceptance and forgiveness, we encourage others to grow in the biblical principles of faith, hope and love.

THE VISION OF MOUNT SI LUTHERAN IS:

To develop ministries that encourage individual and group involvement in service, outreach and spiritual growth.
These ministries follow the Six Marks of Discipleship:

1.~Prayer
2.~Worship
3.~Reading the Bible
4.~Serving at and beyond Mount Si
5.~Spiritual Relationships
6.~Giving of our Time, Talents and Resources

We are a Christ Centered Community Located near Mount Si

Sunday Worship Schedule
8:15AM Traditional Service
9:15AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour
9:35-10:30AM Sunday School
9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed
10:45AM Praise Service

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Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music
Carol Reitz & Rachel Combs—Piano
Sue Oster—Custodian
Jeff King—Treasurer
Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

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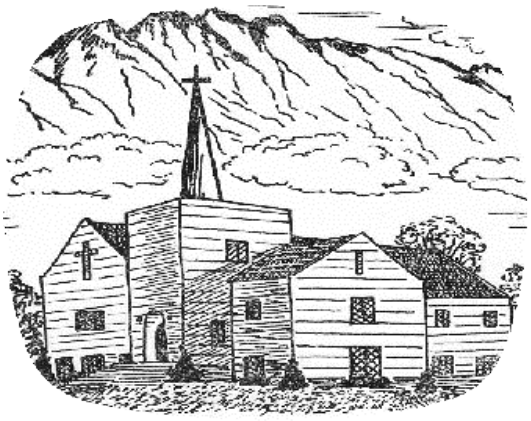

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Celebrating over 65 years of Faith and Fellowship

Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter