



Mt Si Lutheran - June 2021

Mini GOOD - NEWSletter

Grace and peace to you dear siblings in Christ,

Activities around the church are picking up as we prepare to participate in the Farmers Market at Si View Park again this summer, as preparations for gathering and handing out school supplies begins, as VBS plans come together, as the community garden is nurtured and grows, as the grounds are needing the attention of mowers and weeders, as outdoor worship is offered and technical folks work to run cables and cords, as the piano is heard again from around the grounds as Dave practices, as quilters return and other small groups make their requests to meet...

Each of us finds ourselves navigating our comfort level as opportunities to gather are offered to us in our personal, professional and church life. Some of us are ready to jump in and get moving! Some of us need time to take those small steps as we feel comfortable. Some of us are in the middle and every place in-between. That's ok! There is no right way to feel as we open our lives back up to gatherings and connecting with others. This past year has changed each of us. We have varying opinions on what has happened and what should be happening now—I have my opinions too—I would ask that we extend each other the same grace that our Lord daily pours out on us. We have each experienced a year of emotional stress on a level most of us never have before and I pray we never do again...to deny what you/we went through and what you/we are still going through now will only cause further harm. I know I sound like a broken record at this point, but I can't stress enough how important it is to care for your mental and emotional wellbeing. I care deeply for each of you and pray for your continued health and wellness in all aspects of your life. I pray the Spirit continues to work in you all that is good and holy. I pray the Spirit continues to develop gifts and skills that will serve your neighbor and further the Kingdom of God. I pray the Spirit speaks to you daily and that you take time to listen to her words of wisdom and life. You are beloved! - Peace, P. K.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Darlene Lockwood—June 02

Inge Burnside—June 09

Paige Lee—June 10

John Haycox—June 15

Emma Imsland—June 20

Michael Kober—June 21

Julie Imsland—June 25

Susan Schuba—June 30

Megan Stone—June 30

June Anniversaries:

Joe & Denise Stone—June 14th

Larry & Kay Boyle—June 20th



If we missed including you in the Monthly Birthdays or Anniversaries and you wish for names/dates to be honored, please contact the office.

Adult Education

Men's Bible Study

Saturdays at 9am

Meeting at the Mt Si Golf Course

Thirsty for Theology is BACK!!!

Thursday, June 3rd, 7pm

Backyard of Parsonage *weather permitting*

RSVP to Pastor@mtsilutheran.org

(limit 15ppl)

Sunday Worship Texts for June

June 6th—Mark 3:20-35 (Outdoor, In-person + Livestream)

June 13th—Mark 4:26-34 (Livestream only)

June 20th—Mark 4:35-41 (Livestream only)

June 27th—Mark 5:21-43 (Livestream only)



OFFICE UPDATE—We are seeking to hire an office assistant at 8hrs/wk. Competency in Word and Publisher needed. Want to know more? Reach out to Lisa Sampson or Pastor Krista

Congratulations Lindsey Flanagan!

Lindsey is graduating from Mount Si High School and will be attending Western Washington University this fall. She's planning on studying history or political science. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless Lindsey on her future endeavors.



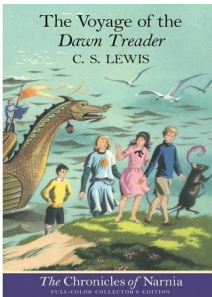
Faith Formation Team News

Grace and peace to you all:

I want to take a moment to thank the Faith Formation team, the church council, and all of you that have contributed to the efforts of not just maintaining the faith formation within the congregation but also encouraging it to flourish.

Take a moment to consider the context through which we as a congregation have been working with to develop our faith. During a pandemic we have been able to provide a variety of educational opportunities through new techniques and mediums while also reaching for greater heights, maintaining seems hard enough during this time but to look toward greater goals is fantastic.

Because of this willingness we now have opportunities to expand even more through a grant. Without first having the willingness to increase our opportunities for faith formation we would not be able to grow. During the pandemic we have learned the lesson that at times we need to measure success through the lens of context rather than the volume of content. Thank you all for your willingness and hard work to care for the precious gift of learning and teaching, well done faithful servants! ~John Grebe, CYF Director



Voyage of the Dawn Treader Vacation Bible School at Mt. Si Lutheran Church July 18 – 22

Each day from 6-8pm we will be exploring the wonderful story of Voyage of the Dawn Treader written by C.S. Lewis. In case you didn't know the series, Chronical of Narnia, are a supposal, which is to say that if the story of Jesus were to take place in a world with talking animals what would it be like. It is a great way of encouraging faith development through creativity. We will be following state and council policies for meetings and activities. We are limiting our registrations so sign up soon! Go to our website under the **VBS 2021** tab to sign up: mtsilutheran.org. If you have any questions, trouble registering, or are concerned about being over the limit please reach out to John Grebe at cyf@mtsilutheran.org or (360) 920-5876.

Farmers Market June 10 – September 9

The market will be open each Thursdays from 4:00 - 8:00pm (Volunteers 3:30-8:30pm) June 10 – September 9. We are looking forward to returning to the Farmers Market. We need volunteers who would enjoy sitting at the market handing out free kid's activities and greeting people walking by. Our booth

has a sign, poster, pictures, and some flyers. Having parishioners there to answer questions is wonderful. We usually have Pastor Krista, John, or council members as well, so you will be there as a team. To sign up contact John Grebe at cyf@mtsilutheran.org or (360) 920-5876.

Kid's Garden Club



The Kid's Garden Club had a great first meeting on May 15. We are hoping to have 1 meeting per month. The plan is to study scripture while simultaneously learning about gardens. The next date will be on June 12 @10am all are kids are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Courtney Adam, Jack Boller, or John Grebe at cyf@mtsilutheran.org or (360) 920-5876.

REMINDER: At this time of year, we would normally be advertising camping and mission trips, and other activities. The Faith Formation Team (Parish Ed. and CYF ministries) have decided to postpone scheduling large activities at this time, we will be keeping an eye on the progress of the pandemic and update accordingly. We will be coordinating activities such as frisbee golf, ice skating, hikes, scavenger hunts, and a variety of other opportunities to come together for fellowship and service opportunities.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 6th—10am

We will host our second outdoor in-person worship service.

The worship will also be live-streamed on YouTube.

Please RSVP to attend in-person by emailing ReopeningMSLC@gmail.com OR calling Jenna Rhyne. Please DO NOT call the office to RSVP.

Holy Communion will be celebrated during worship on the 6th.

If you are watching at home, please have bread and wine or grape juice ready to participate. There will be no drive-thru communion offered this Sunday.

If you are attending in person please wear your mask.

We will continue to practice social distancing at this time since are not requesting proof of vaccination.

June 13th, 20th and 27th—10am

We will offer a live-stream worship via YouTube.

Link will be on our website. No in-person worship on these Sundays

Council President's Update

I hope and pray this article finds you in sync with the Holy Spirit! I sure am and it's because through the power of the Spirit being from God we are moving past the pandemic restrictions and into reopening just about all aspects of our daily lives. Over the last year we banded together to battle an unprecedented pandemic that altered our daily interactions and societal expectations. State vaccination efforts and movement into Phase 3 have allowed us to reduce travel restrictions, resume visiting with loved ones, revise mask mandates and physical distancing requirements, and recover many normal human behaviors we have deeply craved. As we begin to heal from our pandemic induced stressors, and re-adapt to this once familiar, "now new environment," it can be a scary prospect to return to our previous ways of life. But with the power of the Holy Spirit and our unshakable faith we can find ways to prepare our hearts and minds to enter yet another, new normal. Thanks be to God!

How wonderful it was on Pentecost Sunday to have outdoor service in the parking lot! I am still over joyed for those of you able to attend in-person and those participating in the live-stream. A great many thanks goes to the Reopening Team (Jenna, Janey, and Inge) for their tireless pursuit to develop plans and procedures for ensuring the outdoor service met CDC, State, and Synod safety requirements. And for the technical/musical/Children's Ministry efforts of John C., Terry, Dave, Toren, John G., and Courtney. All these recent changes, or perhaps I should say achievements, are centered around the impressive leadership of Pastor Krista providing insight and guidance in just about every function of Mount Si Lutheran Church.

I was one of a few delegates to this year's NWWA Synod Assembly that occurred on May 15th. Our voting delegates besides myself were Pastor Krista, Jack, Dana and her daughter, Cassandra. The highlights of the assembly were electing new Synod officers, adopting changes to the Constitution, and approving the annual budget. Two very pleasing aspects of the Assembly I'd like to bring to your attention was hearing that our Garden of Giving and application under the Grace Grant were both highlighted as receiving \$500 and \$3000 grants, respectively. What I have come to realize is Mount Si Lutheran Church functions very much like our Synod and this to me is an indicator we are in sync. To say it in a different way, our Synod and Church are synchronously moved by the Holy Spirit to do the work God has in store for us. I am proud of our work thus far, but in reality it's your faith and prayers that allows us to keep going on.

Please continue to pray for your Church to fulfill its mission. Your council is always praying for your well-being and for the Holy Spirit to guide us in the work of Mount Si. We will continue to pursue the full reopening of the Sanctuary and buildings as health restrictions are slowly lifted. Your prayers will surely get us there! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at rsnmrod@mac.com or (206) 384-1042.

~With God's Peace and in Christ's love, Rick Rodriguez

Bishop's June Letter to the Congregation



I began my Bishop's Report for the 2021 Synod Assembly on May 15, 2021 by quoting Paul in his letter to the Romans, "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world."

I am so glad to be the Northwest Washington Synod with you – as we walk, journey, travel together. We are connected as the body of Christ – as siblings in Christ – together. We are the Northwest Washington Synod in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully. As people forgiven and redeemed, beloved and welcomed, we are called to embody God's grace in speech, action, and relationships. I am reminded daily that it is Jesus Christ who loves, welcomes, and forgives. As baptized children of God, we are called to participate in this love, hospitality, and forgiveness. I am thankful for all of you for your love, your welcome, and your forgiveness.

We on the synod staff have agreed to embrace the following statement as we work together with the congregations and ministry sites of this synod: *"Trusting in the Spirit, we are journeying together with God's people so that all may discover and participate in what God is doing among us through Jesus."*

Further, there are five focus areas interwoven in the work that we are doing as we journey together in Christ:

1. Faithful Innovation
2. Youth and Young Adults
3. Leadership
4. Connection
5. Racial Justice

I'd like to lift up a few of the actions from the 2021 NW WA Synod Assembly:

We had our first online assembly with 332 voting members in attendance on Zoom and over 200 following along on our Facebook Livestream.

We approved the Recommended Changes to the Constitution that were forwarded from the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

We approved the changes to the Constitution proposed by the Synod Council (with a minor amendment to have the Nominating Committee changed to 5 persons).

We elected persons to the following:

Synod Council

Committee on Discipline

Consultation Committee

Voting Members to the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Approved budget.

We shared videos from our ministry partners and synod committees/
teams.

Announced Grace Grants recipients.

As we do the work of this synod, I am reminded that it is not us but the Spirit that leads and guides. Trusting God's promises and participating in the Holy Spirit, we have reached places beyond what I thought possible. We have exceeded priorities and we are moving forward towards God's preferred future. I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

June

In the Old Testament book of Ruth, we are told of the relationship and connection of Naomi and her son's wives. To set the stage, Naomi was a widow and had two sons. 10 years after

her husband's death, her two sons had also died. Both of her sons had married Moabite women. After the deaths of Naomi's sons, the three widows headed toward the land of Judah. They had heard that the Lord had provided for the people in Judah. As widows, provision had to be a weighty concern. The three widows went on their way to the land of Judah, together. I wonder how, in some or many ways, this interaction paralleled their journeys of grief. A mother who was now childless, two women who were without husbands, one who returns to her family in Moab and one who embraces her mother-in-law as her daughter; all were trying to find a new way to live. Along the way, Naomi asked or insisted that her daughter-in-law's to return to Moab to their families. One turned back toward home and one stayed with Naomi.

The story of these three women is one of connection and courage. Grief is to be shared and knowing *what* you need and *who* you need is a part of healing. Orpah kissed Naomi goodbye and headed back to Moab. Ruth needed Naomi and God, who they followed. Ruth's response is raw, tender, and beautiful. You can find it in Ruth 1:16-17. It speaks of life and love, I suggest you read it.

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network



<https://www.lutherancounseling.net/>

Mt. Si Lutheran's Newest Confirmands

Congratulations to **Rachel Flanagan** and **Addison Harding** on their confirmation! We had a lovely afternoon service on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd with their families present. A video of the service and their faith statements will be available soon. Thank you to Janey Benson for the beautiful lap quilts to honor their day as a gift from the congregation. Please pray the Spirit to continue her work in these beautiful sisters in Christ! Amen!



FAREWELL Davis Family: We wish to share that we will be saying farewell to the Davis family—Don, Brenda, Molly and D—in July. If you have a moment, please reach out and offer your farewell and well wishes as they head back East to be near family.

CAN YOU HELP? We are preparing to Livestream worship at MSLC this month and in the months to come. We need folks with the skills or who are interested in learning how to assist with livestreaming worship. Want to know more? Please talk to Terry Adams.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Please hold the family of Bert Sievertson in your prayers. Bert now dances with the Saints in Light in his eternal home. Please pray for comfort for those who mourn.