



Grace and peace to you,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

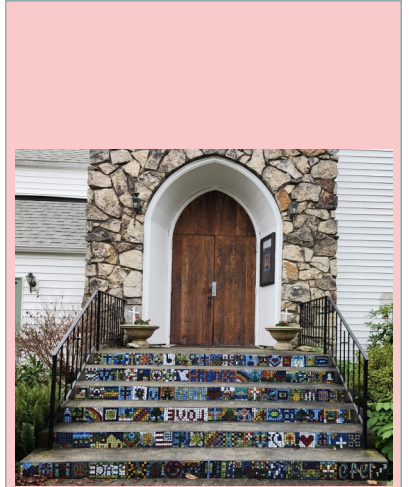
I pray you all had a blessed Holy Week and found time to connect with God in the way that is most meaningful to you. I pray you had time to ponder again what it means that Jesus gave his life so that you and I could be clothed with righteousness and receive the gift of forgiveness and grace through faith alone. I pray that this Easter season brings a renewal of your trust in the promises of our God – promises of new life, reconciliation, presence and abundance.

As you all enter the Easter season together some members of Mt Si and Sammamish Hills will be embarking on our mission trip to Belize. We will leave April 3<sup>rd</sup> and return April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be praying for Rick, Sheila, David, Peggy, Leslie, Bud, Dave, Debbie, Ed and myself as we go to represent Mt Si and the Body of Christ through our service and learning from our siblings in Christ in Belize. We have several projects we will attend to while we are there. These will include working with children at a disabilities camp, working with highschoolers on leadership development, hosting mini VBS offerings with elementary age children, painting, building, teaching a variety of sewing skills such as embroidery and crochet, we will also be working with the teachers to build up the technology, integrate new computers we are bringing with us and more. Most importantly, we will be building relationships with those we meet, learning about their way of life, how they view the world and how they live out their faith. We seek to learn as much as we seek to teach. The team will share their experiences with the congregation upon their return.

After the Belize trip I will begin my sabbatical through July 17<sup>th</sup>. I am so grateful to Lisa, Dave and Jack for their leadership through the Sabbatical Team. Thank you to all who have stepped up to share their gifts of to lead various ministries and care for the office administration. Our cluster of Lutheran churches has come together to provide the preaching and pastoral care support while I am away. A list of who is doing what and when can be found in the hallway outside my office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lisa, Dave or Jack. There is more info from the team in the newsletter.



While on sabbatical I will be spending much of my time painting Christian icons. The image here is one I finished over COVID. The practice of painting icons, more traditionally called writing icons, dates back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Think of them as the early picture book of the Bible. The use of icons has varied over the centuries. Today the most common purpose of an icon is for focus during prayer and listening to God. The figures are purposely disproportionate so that you don't look at an icon and say, "wow, that looks like my Aunt Sally!." The colors used have meaning as well as the items, other than figures, in the painting. *Continued on pg. 2*



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**MOUNTAIN VALLEY  
PRESCHOOL**



Mountain Valley  
Preschool  
*Where a Love for Learning is Created*

*Updates to events are communicated through Constant Contact and an email list of families and friends, if you are not on this list but would like to be included please let Pastor Krista know.*

**AA**

Will meet Thursdays and Sundays in Luther's Lounge weekly at 7 pm  
Ogle Street entrance

**GIRL SCOUTS**

The Girl Scouts Leaders meet the 3rd Thursday of each month

*Pastor's Report Continued*

I began painting icons over 10 years ago on a whim after seeing a flyer in a hospital elevator on a way to visit a member. The practice of painting is a spiritual one. Each brush stroke is a prayer like those who knit or crochet a prayer shawl do so while in prayer. It is the one practice I've found where my mind can let go and just be. It is something I love to do, but rarely find time for. I look forward to this sabbatical time when I can rest in prayer and be held by our God. Thank you for this opportunity to rest and rejuvenate. It is a true blessing. I'll see you in July!

Peace, P. K.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All ladies are welcome to join each Monday from 12:30-2pm.  
If you have any questions, please reach out to Vivian Waid.



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Each Saturday @ 9am the men gather at Little Si Restaurant in North Bend for breakfast and Bible Study. The Study focuses on the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship. Reach out to Dave Spurling or Ed Benson for details.

**THIRSTY FOR THEOLOGY**

We will not be meeting while Pr. Krista is on sabbatical

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Greetings from your council!

Our income in February was \$15,852 and our expenses were \$14,271 for a net income of \$1,581. Our checking balance was \$57,331 at the end of February. Our Fellowship Hall re-flooring fundraising effort is going well and we hope to be ready to complete this in early spring. Thank you for your continuing support.

Council continues to pursue avenues to balance our budget and carry out our mission statement. We are providing additional space to our local preschool and food bank. We are in discussion with our Synod Cluster to pool our ministry strengths and reduce costs. And we are prayerfully studying devotional guides that explain how churches are carrying out the gospel by listening to the Spirit and to our changing communities. Join us in these conversations!

Serving in God's grace,

Dave Spurling

## SABBATICAL CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions during the sabbatical period, please reach out to the following leaders depending on the nature of your question. When in doubt, reach out the Sabbatical Team!

**The Sabbatical Team:** Lisa S., Dave S., Jack B.  
**Sunday Worship** – speak to Dave S. and Kathleen T.

**Pastoral Care** – Pastor Lara Forbes – Call, Text or email Pr. Lara for prayer, visits, home communion, pastoral emergencies such as hospitalization. pastor@salc.church 425-505-5590

**The Executive Team:** Dave S., Tom B., & Jack B.

**The Building and Grounds Team:** Rick R., Tom B., Mike H., Dave V.

**The Faith Formation Team:** Lisa S., Courtney A., Rosemary H., Nancy F., Jack B., Erica H.

**Vacation Bible School** – speak to Erica Haycox

**Stewardship and Finance Team:** Jeff K., Leslie H., Tom C., Terry A.

**Backpack/School Supply Ministry** – speak to Erica H. and Janey B.

**Farmer's Market Ministry** - Jack B. and Courtney A. (Janey B. backup for crafts)

**Garden of Giving** - speak to Terry A.

**Little Free Library** – speak to Janey B. or Lara R.

**North Bend Block Party** – speak to Jack B.

**Prayer Chain** – speak to Nancy F. or Grace C.

**Prayer Shawls** – speak to Leslie H.

**Quilters** – speak to Janey B., Laura R. or Sue O.

**Women's Bible Study** - speak to Vivian W.

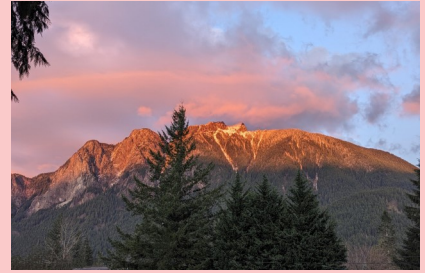
**Men's Bible Study** – speak to Dave S. or Ed B.

**Newsletters** – email Kathleen T. by the 17th of the month

**Weekly News from the Pews Email** – email Kathleen T. by Monday each week

**Current Building Use** - organizations using the building each have an assigned liaison, speak to the liaison for any questions or concerns.

- a. AA – Joyce H.
- b. Mountain Valley Preschool – Rick R.
- c. Girl Scout Leaders – Lisa S.
- d. Red Cross – Rick R.
- e. SVFB – Erica H.



## APRIL SUNDAY LESSONS

### April 7th

First Lesson:

Acts 1:1-14

Narrative Text:

John 20:19-31

### April 14th

First Lesson:

Acts 3:1-19

Narrative Text:

Luke 24:36b-48

### April 21st

First Lesson:

Acts 17:1-9

OR Acts 4:5-12

Narrative Text:

John 10:11-18

### April 28th

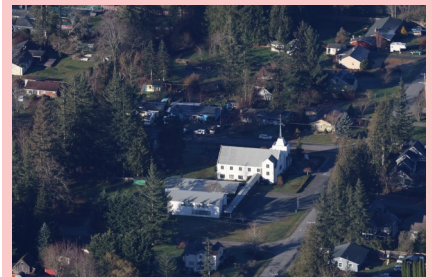
First Lesson:

Acts 18:1-4

OR 1 Cor. 1:10-18

Narrative Text:

John 15:1-8



## Quilters Group

Quilters meet on Monday mornings in the quilting room.



**The Sunday flower chart is in the Fellowship Hall outside of the library.**

You are welcome to sign-up for a Sunday to provide one vase of flowers for the altar.

Did you take photos of an event with Mt Si that you would be willing to have used in our newsletters or other promotional purposes? Short videos are also appreciated. Please send to Kathleen at:

[mtsi.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:mtsi.assistant@gmail.com)

## Be Still

By Kaelynn Sampson

The Women's Brunch Gathering was a great day and everybody had a lovely time. The theme was "Be still, and know that I am God" from Psalm 46:10. It started with prayer, then we got our food and talked. After that we joined in song and went through a few devotionals in the Devotional Prayer Journal called "Be Still and Know." Pastor Krista read from 2nd Samuel Chapter 22. We ended with going to some prayer stations in the Library, Multipurpose Room, and Prayer Room. It was a fun experience and everybody enjoyed themselves.



## It's a Wrap!

By Nellie Sampson

Confirmation was SO FUN! This year, it was held on Wednesdays from 4:45-5:45 pm. e brought our Bible and a Journal. There were Sharpies and colored pencils for those who wanted to draw. We read parts from the Bible and would do an activity to go along with it. There were fidgets, snacks and 7 people (5 students and Jack and Pastor Krista). Kaelynn and Judah will be confirmed on Easter Sunday. I am SO EXCITED to do Confirmation next year!



### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you would like an article to appear in an upcoming newsletter please send all information to Kathleen, [mtsi.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:mtsi.assistant@gmail.com) no later than the 17th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

### NEWS FOR THE PEWS AND/OR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

If you would like an announcement to be in an upcoming NFTP and/or bulletin insert, please send all information to Kathleen no later than Monday if you wish it to be included that week. Items received after Monday may not appear until the following week. Please indicate if you wish the announcement to appear in NFTP, the Bulletin or both.

## Bunko, anyone?

By Lisa Sampson

A sunny St. Patrick's Day kept attendance down for the March Family Game Night at Mt. Si Lutheran. The group of 8 learned to play Bunko, and it was appreciated when Janey joined to take Mr. Frog's place in the lineup. 20 games were played, won, lost and shouts of Bunko! were heard often when someone rolled a 5-of-a-kind. Prizes and gift bags were enjoyed by all.

The final Family Game night of this school year will be Sunday, April 21st from 5 - 7pm



The poster features a central title "Cluster FAMILY GAME NIGHT" in green and black text. It includes illustrations of dice, a notepad with a pencil, and a crown. The date and time "APR 21 5-7PM" are prominently displayed. At the bottom, it says "SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH" and "Bring a game and a snack to share!" with a QR code. A crown icon is also present. The bottom of the poster states "ALL AGES AND ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!"

## Red Cross Blood Drive



### Next Blood Drive Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Blood Drives:  
Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
And Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Blood Drive registration  
is live for signups  
at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

The drive is open to the public and  
a spot can be reserved using the  
code:

**MtSiLutheran**

If you are interested in helping  
with this blood drive please reach  
out to Rick Rodriguez.

Please pray for all those  
going on the trip to  
Belize from both churches.

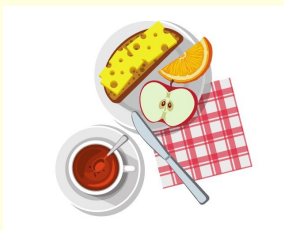
From Mt Si we have:  
Rick and Sheila R.,  
Ed Benson,  
Dave and Debbie S.,  
Bud P. & Leslie H.,  
Dave V. & Peggy H.,  
& Pastor Krista.

The group leaves April 3  
and will return April 16.

Hey Church Family,

We all love the fellowship time every Sunday after the worship service. As we know, this is a great opportunity to connect with other members of our church, share our joys and concerns, and enjoy some delicious food and drinks.

To make this fellowship hour possible and defray church costs, we need your help in providing some food items for the table. You can bring anything you like, such as cookies, breads, fruit etc., but we are also in the need for pre-sliced cheese and regular/decaffeinated ground coffee.



Any questions? See Courtney A.

**APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**



Vivian Waid 3rd  
Krista Johnson 5th  
Tyler Koukol 14th  
Annelise Sampson 19th  
Addison Harding 20th  
Abe Abrahamson 24th  
Ryan Buckmaster 24th  
Mauricia Case 27th  
Valerie King 28th

**APRIL  
ANNIVERSARIES**



Hollis & Darlene Lockwood 1st  
Jim & Ingrid Garhart 25th

*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please reach out to the office so we can make the correction.*

**SAVE THE DATE! Sept. 14 & 15, 2024**

**Mount Si Lutheran Church  
is celebrating 75 years  
of Serving - Reaching Out - Growing in Grace**

The Anniversary Planning Committee is busy planning the main event on Sat., Sept. 14 with a program, special guests, music, and dinner to follow. On Sunday, Sept. 15 there will be a special worship service and we are blessed that Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee will be able to join the celebration.

Please be sure to check out the photo bulletin board, photo albums, trophies, and other memorabilia from years past in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Sue Oster and the Historical Review sub-committee for the nice displays. The next planning committee meeting will be Mon., Apr. 22 at 11:00am. Please join us if you can.

*Some highlights of Mt Si Lutheran Church's Rich History (cont'd):*

- September 16, 1973 - Education & Fellowship building is dedicated.  
"This building was built by three paid workers with a great deal of support from volunteers. The project which the architect estimated would cost \$120,000 was built for approximately \$60,000" (Fred Marshall).
- September 1977 - Artist member, Adolph Hienzsch, presents congregation with the gift of a wood carved statue of Teacher and Child. Originally intended for display outdoors, the congregation votes to place in narthex to better preserve its beauty.
- February 1, 1979 - Old siding removed and new redwood siding placed on the church.
- June 15 1979 - 30th Anniversary Celebration.

**Palm Sunday 2024**





## Spring Clean-up

**Building and Grounds is sending a call for members to help with Spring Cleaning.**

The flower beds around the sanctuary need to be cleaned/weeded and some of the non-flowering bushes need trimming. If you have time to help you can do at your convenience as a specific date and time for the annual Spring Clean will be delayed 'til May.'

## Let the Sabbatical Begin!

By Lisa Sampson



Following the Belize Mission Trip, Pastor Krista's 3-month Sabbatical will begin. We are thrilled that she's able to take this time to rest and recharge - and we're ready!

Thank you to everyone who stepped up already, and thank you in advance to all those who will see a need, and step in to seamlessly close that gap. And for any gaps that do exist, thanks in advance for everyone's extra little bit of grace!

As a reminder, we will have a rotating list of Pastors from our Cluster within our Synod covering the Sundays, posted on the bulletin board outside Pastor Krista's office, and other places around the Church. It will also be posted on the website, so you can always find it.

In addition, we will have Volunteers in charge of all the Ministries while Pastor Krista is out, and there will be a Communication chart [see pg.3] for you to identify who your point of contact will be if you have questions, or want to volunteer for a particular activity. This will be posted and sent out with the list of Pastors.

For any questions that come up, please reach out to myself, Dave Spurling or Jack Boller for clarification. Between the 3 of us, we should be able to help troubleshoot!

**IN THE OFFICE** While Pastor is on Sabbatical you will see Erica H., Leslie H., Dave S., and others helping out in the office on Mondays. Stop by and say hi! Office hours will remain from 10-12pm each Monday.



**Please**

**Make a gift online through our website:**  
[www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving](http://www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving)

Thank you for your continued generosity.

- Treasurer

## Garden of Giving is starting up again!

Reach out to Terry Adams if you would like a garden plot this year.



# BISHOP'S LETTER

April 2024



In fifth grade, I started playing trumpet. This wasn't the instrument that I chose – it was chosen for me because my aunt had an old trumpet and my mom said, "If you want to be in band, you can use this trumpet." But even though I wanted to play the flute, the trumpet was definitely the instrument for me. I loved playing trumpet. I loved the sound, the way to make different notes with just three valves, using different mutes that produced complexity of tone. I loved to polish and clean my trumpet – especially when I received a new silver trumpet in high school. The only thing I didn't like was carrying it to and from school because of the big hill that we lived on.

In high school I was in both band and jazz band. In jazz band we traveled to many competitions – winning the Reno Jazz Festival one year. When I look back on my experience in band, I realize that there are so many things that I continue to apply in my life, and as part of the body of Christ, that go back to being in band.

First, you can't be a band on your own. If you play a solo instrument, that is lovely. But that isn't a band. There needs to be a group to form a band – it can be small or large – but an agreement that you are engaging with one another and playing music with one another leads to forming a band. If you are using music, the same music is important – also the same key and the same beats per measure helps. An agreement on how fast or slow the tempo is important. In short, community is needed for a band.

Second, you can't all play the same instrument. I mean, I love the trumpet – but a band of trumpets is one-dimensional (and can be very loud). I admit that as much as I love brass, you need more than brass to form a band. We have all heard brass quartets – but for a band, you need the saxophone, the piccolo, the clarinet, the drum, and so much more. Diversity is needed in a band.

Third, you can't drown out others. I speak as one who plays trumpet. Trumpets know how to be loud. And if trumpeters are not careful, they will hide the beauty of the other instruments. There is nothing more gorgeous than notes from an oboe coming from seemingly nowhere to fill the air with that wistful, haunting sound. In other words, listen for the woodwinds. A variety of sounds and voices are needed in a band – especially those that are more hidden.

Fourth, harmony doesn't mean the same note. It would be boring if every single instrument played the very same note for every song in a band's repertoire. Our ears are tuned to hear melody, harmony, dissonance, and resolution. In a band, it is imperative that different notes are played – different rhythm patterns are introduced, and a play amongst the instruments happens. Harmony and dissonance are needed in a band.

Dear people of God, these four things are also needed in the church and in the world: Community, diversity, variety of sound and voice, harmony and dissonance. I invite you to think about your worshiping community. How are we all like a band? How can we be more intentional in these four areas?

Our composer and maestro is God – God is directing and leading us – in the music we co-create. May this spring awaken you in the beauty and grace of God. May the community in which you gather bring music in all its fullness.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee