MOUNT SI LUTHERAN CHURCH

411 NE 8TH ST NORTH BEND, WA 98045

Special Points of Interest:

- Apr. 9th—2PM Memorial service for James E. Lance
- Apr. 12th—6PM All Committee Night
- Apr. 24th—9:00AM Worship (one worship service with potluck brunch following)
- Apr. 29th—8:30AM-5:00PM Life Line Screening at Mt. Si



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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter April 2016

From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

Members and Friends of Mount Si Lutheran Church:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! I pray for a blessed Easter season for all of you. As we celebrate this season of new life we are also aware that with new life comes change. I am writing to let you know about a significant change that is on the horizon.



I have accepted a call to be the pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington. After a long process of prayer and discernment I feel led to take on this new challenge and opportunity. So for that my heart is filled with gladness and excitement. But that also comes with a deep sadness as we say goodbye.

A wise bishop once told me that your first call should be the one that warms the rest of your ministry. I was certainly blessed to have that with the good folks at Faith Lutheran Church in Shelton, Washington. Now as I prepare to move again those words have come back to me. The ministry we have done in this place has forever shaped me and formed me into the leader and follower of Christ I am today. I am so grateful for the faith community at Mt. Si Lutheran Church. You are a church of grace, of deep faithfulness, and joy.

Heather, the girls, and I will always celebrate the time we have had together. We will remain residents of North Bend rather than relocating to Bellevue. So you will see us around town and while I will no longer be your pastor we will still be friendly faces in your community. Our relationships will change a bit but the love we have for you in our hearts will not fade.

Thank you. Thank you for all the work you do in this congregation to make a warm a vibrant place for faith. Continue this good work and in this Easter season remember the promise of new life that holds us fast.

In Peace, Pastor Mark Griffith

Pastor Mark's last Sunday will be Apr. 24, 2016. We will have one worship service at 9:00AM with a potluck brunch to follow. Please see pg. 5 for more information. We invite all to come and share your favorite memories with the Griffith family as we bid them farewell and send them off with love and grace from their Mt Si Church Family.

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Easter Sunday Events

On your mark......get set......GO!!!!!!!





A huge THANK YOU to all who brought food, helped set up/clean up, and helped the Easter Bunny hide the Easter eggs!



Parish Education News!

Sunday School is going strong and we are excited for the year ahead. Come check us out! We have classes for ages 3-103, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs! Check the schedule below:

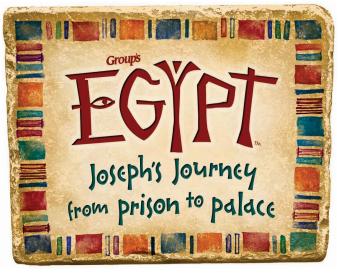
*Children's Sunday School is 9:30-10:30 AM *Teen Time Schedule: 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:20 Go! *Adult Education Hour: 9:45-10:30 AM

Sunday School Staff for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Opening Music—Vacancy Preschool & Kindergarten—Nancy Flanagan/Rosemary Hanson 1st & 2nd grade—Debbie Jones/Dana Koukol 3rd & 4th grades—Anne Bartlett/Courtney Adams 5th & 6th grades—Kim & Mike Buckmaster/Joanne Chase Teen Time—Dana Koukol Adult Education Hour—Pastor Mark/Sue Shardelman

Adult Class

The adults will meet together on Sunday mornings with Pastor Mark as our discussion leader. Bring your Bible, grab a cup of coffee, and join us in the library for lively conversation! We start at **9:45 am**.



2016 Vacation Bible School SAVE THE DATES! JULY 31—AUG. 4 6:30-8:00PM

If you want to help with planning and decorating for this year's V.B.S., please speak to Debbie Jones. Lots of volunteers are needed!



SAVE THE DATE: Family Camping at Salmon la Sac Campground Aug. 25-28 sign up sheet available or contact Jane or Ed Benson or John Keiser.





LIBRARY NEWS—We are pleased to welcome Keira Booth-Risner to our Library Committee. Keira brings experience and enthusiasm and we feel blessed that she has volunteered to work with us. Please visit our library at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Our display table has books for your reading through Easter. Check out the FREE Book Cart! If we can help you find a book

or if you have questions or would like to volunteer in our library, please speak with Connie Som 425 888-0727, Joyce Avers 425 865-9853, Sue Oster 425 888-4056, or Keira Booth-Risner 425 888-0281.

Thank you all for you concerns, prayers, cards and hugs for my successful surgery. ~Pat Palmer



Lutheran Marriage Encounter—Apr. 29-May 1 Beaverton, OR Marriage Encounter is a private couple experience; it is a weekend of discovery and you apply what you learn just with each other, not with a group of strangers. Take a break to give each other the gift of undivided time by attending a Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information or to schedule yourselves for a weekend together, visit the Lutheran Marriage Encounter web site www.GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Carl & Dallas Anne Presley, 206-522-6849, carl.presley@comcast.net.



Mt. Si's New Church Photo Directories are in!!! They will be available in the Narthex or from the Church Office. Please take one per family. If you have any changes/corrections, please contact Sheila in the office at 888-1322. Also check out the framed pictorial roster in the Narthex.



VALLEY

Friday, Apr. 29th from 8:30AM-5:00PM

Mt. Si Lutheran Church will once again host the Life Line Screening event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless

health screenings at Mount Si Lutheran Church ELCA on 4/29/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/ community-partners.

Help us maintain a healthy community and provide food to our neighbors in need. Be part of a

community in action.



No Appointment Necessary 122 E 3rd St North Bend, WA 98045 Located next to the King County Library in North Bend

Community In Action

www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org

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	
<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u> Annual Renewal
Heidi Dukich 2018 (2)	Jack Boller 2018 (2)	Nancy Flanagan 2017 (1)	Jeff King
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Courtney Adams 2017 (2)	Ann Bartlett 2017 (1)	Janey Benson 2018 (1)	Peggy Halferty 2018 (1)
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Paul Dukich 2016 (2)	Debbie Spurling 2016 (1)	Michael Hanson 2017 (2)	Dan Luke 2017 (2)
Email: _pauldukich@tokulcreekmarketing.com	Email: angeltender@hotmail.com	Email: mrhanson@centurytel.net	Email: luked1@mac.com
Paul Ritzenthaler 2018 (2) Email: paul.ritz@comcast.net	Council	Corner!	

Submitted by Heidi Dukich, Church Council President

The focus of March was our Lenten journey. I am grateful that we had the opportunity to share meals and worship with our ecumenical partners. Our community is greater for that experience. March ended with a beautiful celebration of Holy Week.

Other updates:

Stewardship and Finance is holding a fund drive for the Building and Ground project for rekeying the church. If you are interested in making a donation to the project, there is a donation box in the narthex or please contact either committee. If you have had a key(s) in the past, and will need a new key to the church, please contact Sheila in the church office. There are Key Request Forms available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall or Church Office. Please complete a form and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

Jeff King is currently working as treasurer. We continue to simplify our accounting process and will bring in another person to work with Jeff as soon as possible. Council is pleased to report that we have contributed \$6,000.00 in benevolence through March.

Committee nights are going well. The Family and Youth committee have chosen July 31st- August 4th for Vacation Bible School. Contact the committee or pastor if interested in helping. Pastor and the Family and Youth search committee are busy strategizing to fill the leadership role for this vacant ministry position.

Lifeline Screening will be at the church on April 29th. The quilting group will have a blessing of the quilts sometime in April.

Peace and Blessings, Heidi Dukich

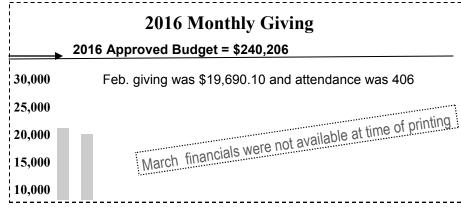


Please plan to join us for a Potluck Brunch in honor of Pastor Mark, Heather, Sadie & Caroline Griffith

Sunday, April 24, 2016 Potluck following one worship service at 9:00AM Please bring your favorite dish to share

Don't forget, your council members are your elected officials that you have entrusted with the workings of your church. Feel free to contact them to discuss issues that you feel are pertinent to the life of your congregation.





Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

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

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Opportunities to Serve, Reach Out and Grow in Grace

All Committees will meet on the second Tues. of each month at 6PM to share a meal and discuss church goals with other ministries, then break into their individual committees. Anyone interested in hearing more about a committee is welcome to come and check it out. A free will offering is taken to go towards the meal.

> Council meets at 7PM the third Tues. of the month.

OFFICIAL ACTS

NEW MEMBERS & MEMORIAL

March 15, 2016—Ryan, Melissa & Brett Scott became members of Mt. Si Lutheran Church. The Ryan family transferred membership from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bellevue, WA

April 9, 2016—A memorial service for James "Whitey" E. Lance, former member of Mt. Si Lutheran Church.

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



Volunteer Opportunities

> 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	The Monday Women's				
for	Bible Study Group is				
WOMEN	studying the Book of				
Luke. 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.					



You may contribute to the newsletter by





Calling all 2016 Graduates!!! If you attend Mt. Si Lutheran Church and

have a family member graduating from High School, College, or Grad School, please call the office @ 425 888-1322 or email Sheila Rodriguez at mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org.
Please let Sheila know before Apr.
15th so we can publicize their names in the May/June newsletter. Graduate Recognition Sunday is tentatively scheduled for June 12th.

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Mount Si Lutheran Church Prayer Chain

A. For the congregation:

1. Please start your prayer request with the person at the top of either the day, evening, or email list. Callers should call the next person until they reach someone.

2. Prayer requests need to be kept confidential. If the person would like to have their name printed in the Sunday bulletin, please let someone from the prayer chain know, and we can pass that information onto Sheila.

3. 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!!

B. For the prayer chain participants:

1. Please inform the person ahead of you if you are going to be away.

2. If you leave a prayer request on someone's message machine, please indicate whether or not you have called it on or not. Callers <u>should</u> continue to call a prayer request down until they reach someone.

This new prayer chain is effective as of April 1, 2016. The prayer chain will be updated next April. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Flanagan, 425 888-1311.

Evenina

<u>Day</u>

Pat Thomas 888-0861 Joy Benson 888-2745

Grace Culver 222-7515 (<u>tooters4you@earthlink.net</u>) Mary Abrahamson 888-8363

<u>Email</u>

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, Connie Som, Dory Aune, Jane Benson, Inge Burnside, Nancy Anderson, Dana Koukol, Betty and Sue Shardelman, Pastor Mark, Sheila Rodriguez

> 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



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The Spirit

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Surprised by Grace

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

Your Synod Staff has been engaged in a robust conversation about what is the role of the Synod in the midst of all that is changing. It is critical for us to be clearer about who we are because like many of you we are relying on fewer and fewer resources to do the work. This is true both in terms of dollars and people power. Our Staff has graciously agreed to take a 2.5% salary cut to make ends meet. Being clearer about who we are will help us to know to what we can say YES, and to what we will need to say NO.

One of my dear friends in the Renton business community was Pat Newbury. Pat owned four McDonald's restaurants. He put the identity question this way, "You have to know what business you are in?" He then went on to clarify that McDonald's is NOT in the hamburger business. There are lots of people in the hamburger business - but what has made McDonald's successful is that they are in the Three C's Business: Convenience, Consistency, & Cleanliness. You should be able to go into any restaurant in the world and order a Big Mac quickly, that taste like a Big Mac and enjoy it in a clean surrounding. This is pretty true of McDonald's. Howard Schultz has a similar story to tell. Starbucks is more than coffee. It is community. It is a "third place."

Do you know what your identity is as a congregation or ministry site? Do you know what business you are in?

I left for Chicago this year to attend the March Conference of Bishops with this question of identity hanging over me. I found myself thinking about it on the airplane, during break times, and when my mind would wander from the presentation at hand. (This happened frequently!)

It dawned on me: I know what business Lutherans are called to be in. We are called to constantly be discerning where we can surprise the world with God's grace. I believe this is the best gift we have to offer the world.

We Lutherans have no monopoly on it. I think of the wonderful people of Mother Emanuel (Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC) who surprised the world with God's grace when they refused to respond with hate to a young Lutheran man who murdered blood of their own blood. I think of the growing attention that Pope Francis is gaining as he continues to surprise the world with God's grace as he responds with compassion rather than condemnation - when he reaches out to touch and kiss the poor and forgotten.

This is who Jesus is for me. The one who over and over again responds in ways no one would predict - turning the cheek, forgiving his enemies, and dying on a cross.

The surprise of the gospel is the very reason I cannot turn my back on it. It just continues to intrigue me and disrupt the normal tendencies of my life.

So what does this mean for the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA? What does it mean for us to be in the business of surprising the world with God's grace?

I can promise you this will be preoccupying my heart and mind as I go about the business of serving this office.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						2 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
3 Second Sunday of Easter 8:15AM Traditional Worship & 10:45AM Praise Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee	4 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	5	6	7 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 7PM AA		9 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 2PM Memorial for James E. Lance
10 Third Sunday of Easter 8:15AM Traditional Worship & 10:45AM Praise Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour	11 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 6:15-7:45PM Cub Scouts Den #5 5:30-7:30PM GS Troop #43665 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	12 6:00PM All Ministries meet for meal and group discussions		14 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study 7PM AA		16 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
17 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:15AM Traditional Worship & 10:45AM Praise Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee Hour	Bible Study	19 3:30-5:30PM G.S. Tr. #42902 7PM Council meeting	20	21 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study 7PM AA	12:30-2:30PM GS Tr. #42385	23 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
24 Fifth Sunday of Easter → Pr. Mark's last Sunday at Mt. Si One Worship Service at 9:00AM Potluck Brunch to follow worship	25 6:15-7:45PM Cub Scouts Den #5	26	27	28 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study 7PM AA	8:30AM-5:00PM Life Line	Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course E G ®



Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Apr. 3	Rodriguez Family	In Honor of their 30th wedding anniversary
Apr. 10	Kay Boyle	In Loving Memory of her mother's birthday, Ellen Stroming
Apr. 17	Susan Olds	For Aunt Gloria
Apr. 24	Mt. Si Lutheran	God's Many Blessings—Thankful for the Griffith Family



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2016**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

Worship Assistants for April

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Apr. 3 Second Sunday of Easter	April 10 Third Sunday of Easter	Apr. 17 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Apr. 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Usher				9:00AM ONLY
8:15AM	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Tom & Connie Som	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler
9:30AM				NO SUNDAY
S	unday School & Cof	fee Hour Fellowsh	iip	SCHOOL
10:45AM	Mike Hanson Bob Bartlett	Ed & Jane Benson	Tom Chase Mark Imsland	
Counters	Courtney Adams Ann Bartlett	John Cassidy	Debbie Spurling	Nancy Flanagan Ann Bartlett
Communion Assistants				9:00AM ONLY
8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Inge Burnside	Dave Franson	Kay Boyle
10:45AM	Rosemary Hanson	Debbie Spurling	Joanne Chase	
Lector				9:00AM ONLY
8:15AM	Terry Adams	Tom Burnside	Suzie Franson	Pat Palmer
10:45AM	Joan Guenther	Linda Velebir	Suzy Cassidy	
Cantor/Music	Dave Spurling Abbie Grimstad	Jack Boller Abbie Grimstad	John Cassidy Rachel Combs	Andy Velebir Abbie Grimstad



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.



April Birthdays!

NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE	
John Cassidy	1	Alexis Pearlstein	18	Ś
Vivian Waid	3	Annelise Sampson	19	~
Tasha Lynch	4	Kathi Prewitt	23	5
Paul Guenther	8	Abe Abrahamson	24	J
Emilie Reitz	10	Ryan Buckmaster	24	
Cheryl Thompson	12	Mauricia Case	27	
Tyler Koukol	14	John Lynn	29	
Mary Wildes	14	Marian Nelson	29	i
Joy Benson	15			



Please call the church office at 888-1322 and let us know if we skip your special day.



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!

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 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School 9:45-10:30AM Adult Christian Ed 10:45AM Praise Service Fifth Sunday of the Month will be Healing Sunday 7:00PM Wednesday Evening Worship w/Holy Communion

The Rev. G. Mark Griffith—Pastor

Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant Heidi Dukich-Council President Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz-Worship & Music Lori Murton, Abigail Grimstad & Rachel Combs-Piano Sue Oster-Custodian Jeff King—Treasurer Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

Church Office Hours: M-F 9AM-12Noon & 12:30-3:30 PM (office coverage may vary) Church Location: 411 N.E. 8th North Bend Mailing Address P.O. Box 487 North Bend, WA 98045 Office: 425-888-1322 Pastor Mark 425 922-7384 Pastor's Mark's email: pastor@mtsilutheran.org Church email: mtsilutheran@mtsilutheran.org Web Page www.mtsilutheran.org

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