

**MOUNT SI LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## September 2014

**Special Points of Interest:**

- Sept. 1st—Labor Day Holiday (offices closed)
- Sept. 7th—Last Summer Worship at 9AM —ELCA Day Of Service
- Sept. 14th—Back to two Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45AM. Sunday School Begins
- Sept. 30th—5:30PM Family Movie Night

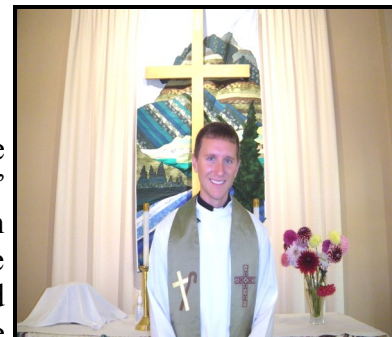
**Sunday, Sept. 14**  
Return to two  
worship services  
**8:15AM Traditional**  
**10:45AM Praise**  
**9:30AM Sunday**  
School Returns

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From Pastor Mark's Desk.....

### *Lessons from Pentecost*



The season of Pentecost is the longest season on the church calendar. It is commonly called “ordinary time.” Maybe because it is so long we get used to this season and it feels ordinary. Although, if we think about it there is nothing ordinary about Pentecost. Usually associated with the color green, this season is often used to conjure images of growth, newness, and building. On Sunday mornings we have been hearing incredible stories from Jesus’ life and ministry.

Let’s not forget though, that the echoes of the resurrection cry, “he is risen!” still ring in our ears. That’s what makes this season so amazing, we hear all these stories with the resurrection in mind. The rest of the church year we suspend what we know and allow ourselves to enter the drama of the season for example we wait for a savior in Advent or long for new life in the darkness of Lent. Pentecost is the season of the church year where we read these stories about Jesus with the resurrection in mind, and empowered by the Spirit, we are led into the world where God is at work! We hear the parables not as Jesus first taught them but as students who are going back over what they’ve previously heard with a new perspective in mind. We hear the parables knowing Jesus is risen! We hear the story of Jesus, and the disciples, feeding the multitudes knowing that Jesus is risen! When Jesus walks on water and calms the storm we see the foreshadowing of Easter Sunday when Jesus will triumph over death. We hear these stories as means for us to experience the power of the gospel but also as example of how we might love our neighbors and the world around us.

We are shaped and transformed by our worship and our hearing of the scripture. Let the stories from scripture and the power of the Holy Spirit work in your imagination and ignite a passion for the Kingdom of God in your heart. We are invited to see the world with eyes for the kingdom, always on the lookout for what God is doing. This work goes well beyond the walls of the church and becomes an orientation for life all the time. We are always learning, always watching, always looking to participate in God’s work of ushering in the Kingdom. Remember the power of the resurrection that frees us from death and the power of the Spirit that calls us to new life. Together we are always being made new.



It is with great joy and heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Brittney Hower as our 1<sup>st</sup> service accompanist. She has been our musician for that service for more than three years. She brought great joy and life to the music in that service and we will miss her. However we are excited to celebrate the next chapter of her life with her as she ventures off to college. She will be at the University of Washington and promises not to be a stranger. Please take a moment to thank her or send her a note of thanks for her service to the church these past years.

While we send Brittney off to college I am happy to report we will be welcoming Lori Murton as our new 1<sup>st</sup> service accompanist. Lori comes to us with experience as a musician for Roman Catholic parishes in Snoqualmie and in Bellevue. She is excited to get to know our faith community and be a part of this vibrant ministry. Her first Sunday will be Sept. 14th when we go back to two services. Please make sure to welcome Lori to our community and look forward to what is to come!





**Welcome to the Book of Faith page. The purpose of this page is to share all things related to the Book of Faith focus at Mount Si Lutheran. Stay tuned each month, and prepare to share your input as we together do what the above tag line says, “Open Scripture and Join the Conversation”.**

As we kick off the new school year and begin to look toward the busyness of the holidays, it is a good time to remember to stay grounded in our relationship with God and in God’s Word. Scripture helps us know God, provides encouragement in our times of struggle, and sends us out into a hurting world with a message of grace, hope and love. Let’s all challenge ourselves to spend time daily in God’s Word—especially in our busiest times—and to listen for the message that God wants to speak to us.

## **THE BIBLE IS--GOD SPEAKING TO YOU**

***“The words that I speak to you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63)***

Did you know that the longest telegraphic message ever dispatched was in May 1881? It carried 188,000 words. It was printed in full that day in the *Chicago Times*. One of the nation’s leading newspapers gave space for four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and the Epistle to the Romans. “A triumph of publicity” was the verdict of the nation’s press. All this was done because the Revised Version of the New Testament in English was on sale that day. In New York City, thirty-three thousand copies were sold within twenty-four hours, setting a new sales record for any book. Why does the Bible remain the world’s most widely read book? For one simple reason: *you* read every other book--the Bible reads *you*! You say, “But I don’t get a lot out of the Bible when I read it.” You are not alone; many people say the same thing. But it doesn’t have to be that way. F. B. Meyer, one of history’s great Bible teachers, writes, “Read the Bible not as a newspaper, but as a love letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within your reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire.” Why do we keep going back to the Bible? Because in a world where trust is in short supply, “Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave” (1 Kings 8:56 NIV). (From: The Word for You Today devotional, entry for January 9, 2014.)

## **Get ready to serve! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday Sept. 7, 2014**

On Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people.

***“God’s work. Our hands.’ Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it’s that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference.”*** —ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Mount Si Lutheran is excited to join with our fellow ELCA churches in this day of service! Following the combined service on Sept. 7, we will all join together for food & fellowship and then break off into 4 family-friendly, all ages welcome service projects serving our surrounding community. This is big! We are hoping that every member of every age will participate in some way! The four service projects you will have the opportunity to join will be: **Team Paula**—assembling Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits in the Fellowship Hall; **Team Kelly**—Snoqualmie Valley Youth Activity Center Property Clean-up; **Team Mary & Martha**—Set-up Meal for Congregation & Volunteers; **Team Heidi**—Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank Clean-up. **You work hard to make your community a better place. Now let’s do this work together! We will be wearing matching bright yellow t-shirts as we work in the community. Buy one now for \$6!**

*Think about attending the AGAPE concert to conclude your day: Sunday September 7, 5:30pm at Saint Andrew’s, Bellevue. AGAPE\* (also known as David Scherer) has been touring full-time as a musician for the last twelve years, performing for hundreds of thousands of youth across the US, and in eight different countries. Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling and his fluency in Spanish, AGAPE\* connects with his listeners in a way that they really “get it”. His energy is contagious, and his stories of faith transcend differences. Even those who do not normally enjoy hip-hop, find themselves dancing to his music and captivated by his unique presentation of the Gospel. AGAPE\* brings an authentic approach by translating the theological depth of his seminary training into simple songs and stories that can be understood by every listener.*

# Parish Education News!

The Sunday School season begins on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The final arrangements are being made, and we are excited for the new school year. 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

## READ THE BOOK & JOIN THE CONVERSATION

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting an exciting new adventure! Members of Mount Si Lutheran Church will join with members from several other churches in our community and ELCA cluster to read and discuss a powerful book “**The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches Are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community**”. What are our hopes for this new adventure?

We would love to see every member of our church read this book—we believe it will have a strong impact on our church’s ongoing mission.

We encourage everyone to participate in one of the discussion opportunities that will be available. You may want to join the adult forum on Sunday mornings at 9:45 for lively discussion, participate in the online discussion forum that Heather started on Facebook, or just talk about it with your family or a group of friends.

There will also be discussions happening at some of the other participating churches. It might be good for several of us to join the other discussions to hear different perspectives on the material. We will let you know when we have a schedule to share.

Since one of the authors is in Seattle, we are hoping to get him to come speak to us as a larger community once we have finished the book.

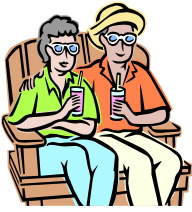
Finally, we desire to see relationships formed between our various church communities that will result in greater cooperation and missional effectiveness in the Snoqualmie Valley. Together we can make a greater impact for God’s Kingdom than any one of our churches can do alone!

Pick up your copy of the book today and start reading. It is going to be an exciting adventure!

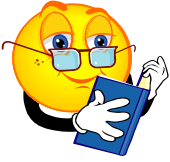
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**The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches Are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community**, by [Paul Sparks](#), [Tim Soerens](#), [Dwight J. Friesen](#), Inter-Varsity Press / 2014 / Paperback, ISBN: 9780830841158. Books can be purchased online at [Christianbook.com](#), [Amazon.com](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), etc.

"When . . . faith communities begin connecting together, in and for the neighborhood, they learn to depend on God for strength to love, forgive and show grace like never before. . . . The gospel becomes so much more tangible and compelling when the local church is actually a part of the community, connected to the struggles of the people, and even the land itself." Paul Sparks, Tim Soerens and Dwight J. Friesen have seen - in cities, suburbs and small towns all over North America - how powerful the gospel can be when it takes root in the context of a place, at the intersection of geography, demography, economy and culture. This is not a new idea - the concept of a parish is as old as Paul's letters to the various communities of the ancient church. But in an age of dislocation and disengagement, the notion of a church that knows its place and gives itself to where it finds itself is like a breath of fresh air, like a sign of new life.



**Senior Fellowship—Sept. 15th** On Monday, Sept. 15th, we will meet at 2:00PM for our 'back to school' picnic in the fellowship hall. Bring your yearbook and we'll share good memories. We'll provide fixings for sandwiches and beverages. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. If you have any suggestions for Senior Fellowship activities or programs, please call Joyce Ayers at 425 865-9853 or Genada Lynn at 425 292-3124.



**LIBRARY NEWS**—The books on the 'free' cart in the church library are going to be donated the end of Sept. You may want to see what books are there in case you want any. If you have questions or would like to volunteer in our library, please speak with Connie Som 425 888-0727, Joyce Ayers 425 865-9853 or Sue Oster 425 888-4056.



**Chronic Conditions Support Group for Women:** Once a month, a group of women with various chronic health conditions meet together to study, share, encourage and support one another. We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 10 am - noon, in the library or fellowship hall. All women with chronic health conditions are welcome to join us. Please contact Sue Shardelman (888-0772) for further information. The meetings will be noted on the calendar as CCSG.



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Now, with fall and harvest time drawing near, people start to reflect upon the things they are thankful for and how they can show their gratitude by supporting others. One way Thrivent members who are eligible to participate in the Thrivent Choice® Program can do this is by directing Choice Dollars® to their churches. The Choice Dollars grant funds your church

receives will help you continue to minister to others, strengthen communities and change lives. Since 2010, Thrivent Financial has distributed **more than \$140 million** in Choice Dollars grant funds to churches, including **nearly \$21.8 million** so far **this year**. We want to help your church finish the year off strong, and will do this by: **1) Featuring church success stories on Thrivent.com.** During October, we'll showcase some of these amazing stories. If yours is selected, you just never know who will see it and the impact it will have. **2) Providing resources to help share your story** and encourage eligible Thrivent members to direct Choice Dollars to your church. We are uplifted by the good things churches have done with Choice Dollars grant funds and are excited to share your stories to help you to finish the year strong! By participating in this campaign, you can benefit in a big way and—in the process—help strengthen communities and change lives. For more information call: 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836).



**Sunday, September 28th: North Puget Sound Brunch**

**Host a Table! Be a Sponsor! Volunteer at LCSNW Brunch at DoubleTree Suites Southcenter**—Called the *Power of Partnership*, the annual brunch is LCSNW's largest fundraiser for the NPS region. Proceeds benefit programs such as adoption services,

foster care, family support centers, international counseling and community services, and immigrant/refugee services.

Join us for good food and fellowship, and to show your support for the life-changing programs of LCS in the North Puget Sound area. This year's brunch will be held in a new location, the Doubletree Suites – Southcenter in Tukwila. A social hour from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. will be followed by a brunch buffet and program. Our program will feature our new President & CEO, David Duea, Bishop Brian Kirby Unti of the Northwest Washington Synod, ELCA, and presentation of the Ruben Spannaus Award to Lisa and Bob Miller-Rhees for their outstanding community service.

**For more information, contact Julie Malloy at 253/298-9170 or [jmalloy@lcsnw.org](mailto:jmalloy@lcsnw.org).**



Community In Action

[www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org](http://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 2014 Council Members

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**Submitted by Jack Boller, Church Council President**

Greetings and peace to you all from your church council.

Hope you had a good summer and have been able to relax and enjoy the nice weather. As we look back, our community garden has been a success and has provided fresh vegetables for the food bank. Our Vacation Bible School provided a great experience for children and youth of our community. Our progressive dinner, camping trip and first ever Hawaiian Luau provided opportunities for fellowship.

As we move into September we will be participating in the ELCA's "God's Work Our Hands" event on Sunday September 7. You will have an opportunity to participate in one of four community service projects. Be sure to sign up for one of these projects and join us in living out our mission to serve our community. (see pg. 2)

In September, we will also be wrapping up our focused giving campaign to raise money for a commercial-grade dishwasher for the kitchen in fellowship hall. This will allow us to use the dishes and flatware we have on hand for any social events or dinners. This will result in savings from not having to purchase paper plates and plastic ware. It will also greatly reduce the waste we generate and improve our stewardship of the earth. Please consider giving to this effort before the end of September. Goal \$5,500. Total raised to date: \$830.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee will be preparing a budget to present to the council for approval in October. Our intent is to have the budget ready to present to the congregation for approval at the congregational meeting in mid-November. This will allow us to have an approved budget in place at the start of the new year without having to try to get a quorum for a congregational meeting during the holiday season.

We continue to encourage you to consider how you might serve the congregation in pursuing our mission in the valley. We are still looking for people to serve as ushers, acolytes, counters and worship assistants. I also encourage you to give consideration to getting involved in one of our ministry committees. Any member of the congregation can join any of the committees. If you are interested in serving the church in any of these ways contact any council member or Pastor Mark.

### **Summer Activities Summary:**

The Progressive Dinner on Aug. 2nd had great food and a wonderful turn-out. We owe debts of gratitude to our hosts, Chuck and Jennie Lynch, John and Suzy Cassidy, and Joe and Denise Stone for providing wonderful settings at each course's site, plus our thanks goes to Sue Van Gerpen for recruiting a trio of Mt. Si High School Jazz band members who provided great music at the dessert course. It was close, but the at least 36 Mt. Si attendees didn't totally consume all of the appetizer, salad and entrée, and dessert course offerings. If you weren't there this year, plan to join us at the next one!!

Mt. Si's now-annual camping trip took place Thursday, Aug. 14-Sunday Aug. 17. 25 campers risked the threat of rain to have a great time relaxing, eating, and for some, hiking and jumping in the Cle Elum River. Salmon la Sac campground is a great venue and we hope for success again next year in reserving sites and equaling the great time our group had this year.

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.




# In the News.....

## Backpack & School Supply Drive

Our backpack school supply drive was a huge success! We received donations from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Costco, Mt. Si Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, and Snoqualmie United Methodist Church. We filled over 354 backpacks for children in the Snoqualmie Valley school district. The backpacks were distributed at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank on Aug. 20 & 27. The children were so excited to have a new backpack with school supplies to start the new school year. Thank you to everyone who participated with this project. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped sort, organize, fill, load, and distribute the backpacks this year! There are too many to mention individually, but a heart felt thank you to each and every one of you! Thank you to those who donated school supplies or money to purchase supplies. Your generosity made this important effort possible. I would like to personally thank everyone for assisting me with this ministry for the children in need in our community. Janey Benson



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.

**OFFICIAL ACTS**  
 **RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM**  
 August 31, 2014 *Caroline Elizabeth Griffith* was baptized at Mt. Si Lutheran Church. The Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWA Synod presided.

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



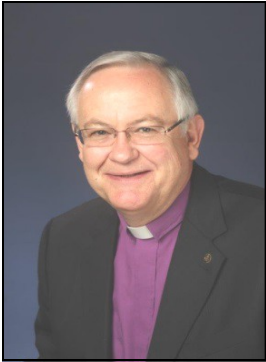
**Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study**  
 Come join the men at 8AM and review the Sunday readings and lessons for that Sunday. All men are welcome. For more information, contact Paul Ritzenthaler at 425 888-5294.  
**Location: Mt. Si Golf Course**

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



# The Spirit

News for the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## The Liturgy of September

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

September is upon us again and I have yet to transition into this month without developing a knot in my stomach. This is where fear takes up residency in my life. I know the source of this fear. It dates all the way back to the first day of school. I never slept well the night before - worried about whether I would like my teacher, who would I be seated next to, did I know my times tables, and did I have the right clothes to wear? This fear was also dosed with a certain level of excitement and anticipation of what the new year might hold.

When it came time to send our own kids off to school, I relived these same memories as I watched them gear up for the transition. One daughter slept in the new clothes she was going to wear on the first day and was up at O-Dark-Thirty ready to go. Another daughter was sorely disappointed when we woke her up for the second day of kindergarten. "You mean I have to go again?"

Two of my daughters are now public school teachers. I watch them go through their own version of fear and anticipation each year. Little do the students know that their teachers share some of their same feelings about starting a new year. We live two blocks from the elementary school our daughters attended and where our one daughter now teaches. I watch the kids decked out in their new clothes and bright backpacks, chasing after one another as they participate in this annual trek back to school. I watch the school buses whiz by with kids staring out the windows knowing that some are as scared as I was.

We do not acknowledge the first day of school in our liturgical calendars. Perhaps it does not rise to the proper level of holiness. I wish we did because for me it captures a good deal of what it means to be human. It is about transition and being called to trust the future. It is about facing our fears so that we can stretch and grow. It is about letting go, being vulnerable and discovering new horizons. God never allows us to become a settled people. Summer vacation always comes to an end.

I must confess I enter into my second year serving the office of bishop with many of the same feelings that I had as child gearing up for another year of school. It comes with that same mixture of fear, excitement and anticipation. Friends, for me this is the pathway of faith. It is the constant discovery that future is in God and means us well.

*Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**Stay in touch and in the know!**

**Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? [www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar)**

**Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? [www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe](http://www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe)**



## Community Garden Update

The Mount Si Lutheran community garden is doing amazing. If you haven't had a chance to check it out you should take a stroll through it after church on Sunday. You will see at least 15 different types of vegetables. The garden has been very productive this year and we've already taken peas, tomatoes, and zucchini to the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank several times. I'd like to thank everyone who has been working in the garden in preparing the soil, planting, weeding, harvesting, and special thanks to Tom Som for installing an automatic sprinkler system. If you would like to get involved with the garden, just let Pastor Mark, Jane Benson, or Terry Adams know, and we can get you involved. ~Terry Adams





# Mt. Si's First Hawaiian Luau

Aloha! Mt. Si Lutheran threw our first Hawaiian Luau on Sat., Aug. 23rd. This was a church wide event to bring everyone together for great fun, food and fellowship before the summer officially comes to an end. The event was a huge success with over 60 people attending. There was a great menu with a variety that was sure to please all appetites. We had pulled pork, chicken pineapple meatballs, rice, Aloha sweet potatoes, coleslaw, macaroni salad, homemade pickles, pineapple salsa, and that's not even getting to all the wonderful desserts! The fellowship hall was decorated and transformed to fit our luau theme. There were palm trees, paper lanterns, a volcano, and yes, even a watermelon shark (thank you Terry Adams!). All enjoyed the Hawaiian scene photo op (provided by a professional photographer, Kayla Kliphardt). We had games and contests for all ages. The best dressed (or more accurately, the cutest outfits) award was a tie between Caroline & Sadie Griffith. The funniest outfit went to Ed Benson, who added a bowtie to his normal Sunday Hawaiian attire. Sadie Griffith also won the "How many shells are in the jar?" contest. Way to go, Sadie! Only three years old and she estimated 980 shells! There were approx. 924 shells! We also had a sunshine piñata for the kids, along with several giveaways including a cute little Timmy the Prayer Turtle (hand sewn by many ladies in the congregation) and solar dancing flowers. This fun event was only made possible by the many people who gave up their Sat. morning to cut fruit, prepare the main courses, sides, and desserts. Thank you to all who helped either with bringing food, and/or helping to prepare it. Special thanks to James Mehring and Kayla Kliphardt for setting up games/activities and helping with last minute decorations, Kayla for being our professional photographer, Jane Benson and Rick Rodriguez for literally cutting up and displaying a ton of fruit, and Vicki Wallentine for her many creative ideas! Many have said it was so much fun, we should do it again next year! We'll have to wait and see.....(: Mahalo ~Sheila Rodriguez

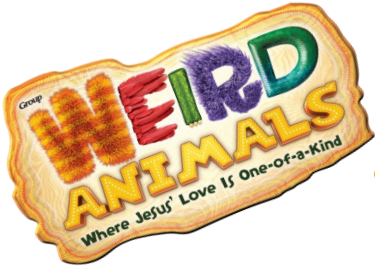








# 2014 Vacation Bible School



**"I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)**

VBS was an amazing adventure this year. Our week included 34 wonderful kids; learning all the songs, games, and bible lessons. We learned about God's unique and powerful love for us. I would like to thank the many people who supported VBS with time, donations, and prayers. We can't put on a solid week of ministry for these kids without help like this, it is greatly appreciated. I am excited to see how we can build on this foundation for next year's VBS. Blessings, James Mehring



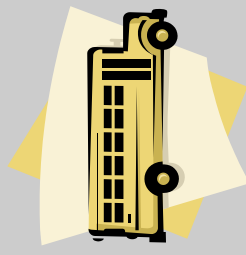


# September 2014



## Mount Si Lutheran Church Family and Youth Calendar

Schedule of Events!	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High school Youth Group start up on the Sept. 14th!! Spread the Word!! It will be at it's usual time, Sunday from 6:30-8:30 pm. 😊</li> <li>- We will be starting a book discussion group that will meet monthly. We will be reading "Almost Christian" by Kendra Dean. Talk with me for more information. Date is still TBD.</li> <li>-Confirmation will be starting shortly. We are excited with the hopes of having a multi-church involvement this year. Talk with me or Pastor Mark for more information.</li> <li>-Family Movie Night—Sept.30th. It is a great event to invite friends and have fellowship. Popcorn, juice, and snacks will all be provided!</li> </ul>			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>  7:00 pm	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 
	<b>7</b> 		<b>8</b> P.E Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>9</b>  7:00 pm	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> 
	<b>14</b> HS Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm		<b>15</b> Council Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>16</b>  7:00 pm	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 
	<b>21</b> HS Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm		<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>  7:00 pm	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 
	<b>28</b> HS Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>29</b> Family Movie Night 5:30 pm 	<b>30</b> Family Movie Night 5:30 pm	*If you have and questions, feel free to contact me: jamesmehring@gmail.com Or (262) 210-7392			















SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# Mt. Si Lutheran

	<b>Sept. 1</b> 12:30PM Women's Bible Study  Holiday (offices closed)	2	3 6:15-7:30PM Boy Scout Den #4 7PM Worship 	4 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 7PM AA	5 12:45-2:45PM Girl Scout Tr. #42385	6 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
<b>7 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9AM Worship 10AM Coffee Hour Rite of Holy Baptism <b>MT. SI ELCA DAY SERVICE</b> 	8 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 7PM Food Bank Mtg.	9 7PM Parish Ed meeting	10 7PM Worship 	11 Noon ELCA Pastors' study <b>6:30PM Stewardship &amp; Finance meeting</b> 7PM AA	12	13 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course 10AM CCSG
<b>14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:15 Traditional Worship 9:30-10:30AM Sunday School Coffee Hour 10:45AM Praise Worship <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">             Back to two worship services and Sunday School Begins           </div>	15 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 2PM Senior Fellowship Picnic at church	16 <b>6:30PM Evangelism meeting</b> <b>7PM Council meeting</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 	17 6:15-7:30PM Boy Scout Den #4 7PM Worship 	18 Noon ELCA Pastors' study 4:30-6PM Girls Choir	19 <b>Tentative date for carpet cleaning in Fellowship Hall &amp; Youth Room</b> 	20 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
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# Flower Chart for the Sanctuary

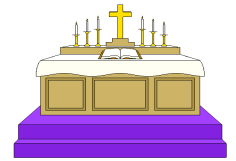


DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
Sept. 7		
Sept. 14		
Sept. 21		
Sept. 28		



If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2014**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

## Worship Assistants for Sept.



SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:00AM	Sept. 7 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15AM & 10:45AM	Sept. 14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 21 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Usher</b>		<b>Usher</b>			
9:00AM	Tom Chase Mark Imsland	8:15AM	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober	
10:00AM	Food, Fellowship & ELCA Day of Service	9:30AM	<b>Sunday School &amp; Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>		
		10:45AM	Mike Hanson Bob Bartlett	Tom Chase Mark Imsland	
<b>Counters</b>	Kay Boyle	<b>Counters</b>	Ed Benson Courtney Adams		Bob Bartlett
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		<b>Communion Assistants</b>			
9:00AM	Inge Burnside	8:15AM	Courtney Adams	Dave Franson	Kay Boyle
		10:45AM	Rosemary Hanson	Joanne Chase	Ed Benson
<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>			
9:00AM	Tom Burnside	8:15AM	Terry Adams	Suzie Franson	Betty Shardelman
		10:45AM	Joan Guenther	Ed Benson	Linda Velebir
<b>Music Leader</b>	Andy Velebir				

**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.



# Sept. Birthdays!



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Alisha Oster	3	Jane Benson	14
Ari Harmor	5	Patricia Prewitt	18
Bob Bartlett	6	Sam Luna	19
Alice Donohue	8	Rose Wildes	20
Alysa Lilleberg	8	Lenard Benson	25
Stefan Peter Van Handel	8	Kim Buckmaster	25
Mae McLean	10	Rodney Thompson	27
Kailie Graciidis	11	Lorraine Wilkerson	27
Heidi Dukich	12	Joan Ritland	29



# Anniversaries!



Stephen & Tammy Lilleberg	Sept. 4
Paul & Heidi Dukich	Sept. 8
Charles & Jenny Lynch	Sept. 22
Jim & Carol Reitz	Sept. 29



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](mailto: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 NEWS**letter is your newsletter, so be sure to share your comments, suggestions, and articles! Visit our website: [www.mtsilutheran.org](http://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 [sofficka@gmail.com](mailto:sofficka@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

9:30-10:30AM 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

## Pastor Mark Griffith

James Mehring—Family & Youth Ministry Director

Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant

Jack Boller—Council President

Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music

Lori Murton—Piano

Joan Moe—Custodian

Paula Hower—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling/Joan Guenther—Financial Secretary

Church Office Hours: M-F 9AM-12Noon & 12:30-3:30 PM

additional office coverage may vary

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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

