



PASTOR'S NOTE

Blessings Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God, our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There are so many wonderful opportunities to connect as a community of faith and to engage our wider community in the next month. I hope to see many of you on Oct. 1st for our all church **Bible Study and Archeological Dig**. Thank you to Marlin for organizing such a wonderful opportunity for all of us. Then, we have the gift of hearing from a couple guest pastors in our cluster as we focus on “**Lutheran Theological Gems**” Sunday mornings in October.

We will continue on with our **Narrative Lectionary** study parallel to the Lutheran Gems this month. During the children’s message all will be invited to engage in our growing paper covenant chain. This covenant chain is meant to remind us of each promise/covenant God makes with God’s people in the Narrative stories. The first week, Sept. 11th, we heard God’s promise to never again destroy life and a covenant with Noah and all creation to preserve life. The second week, Sept. 18th, we added the color orange as we heard the covenant God made with Abram and Sarai. God told them their descendants would be as numerous as the stars and that they would be a blessing to all nations. On Sept. 23rd we added the color yellow and heard a promise of God to Joseph to always be present. We learned that God is one of steadfast love and faithfulness for all God’s people. The next several weeks we’ll add green, blue, indigo and violet. Each will represent a new promise made by God. If you are watching at home, consider making a paper chain at home to help remind you of all God’s promises!

We also have our full **Harvest Carnival and Trunk-or-Treat** to offer the wider community on October 22nd from 6-8pm. The chili cook-off is back along with games, crafts and more. Postcards will be available starting Oct. 2nd for you to hand out to your neighbors. Please invite as many folks as you can to this wonderful family friendly event. There are new opportunities to gather for study and fellowship beginning in late October on Wednesday nights and our **Confirmation** class will begin its journey in mid-October.

We will also continue to work together to develop clear ministry goals for Mt Si to guide our efforts as we seek to follow the Spirit’s leading. We will affirm these goals at our Nov. annual meeting. The **Discernment process**, with your input, has provided us a foundation for building these goals. Thank you for your participation over the last months in this process.

As we enter fall I pray you find the worship, education and fellowship events to be a blessing in your life as we seek to build each other up in the Body of Christ and to share the good news of Jesus with all we meet.

Peace, Pastor Krista



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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November Annual Meeting November 13

following the service

**At this meeting we
will approve the
2023 Budget
and Elect new
Council Members.**

Mt Si Financial Summary

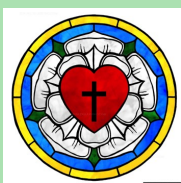
Jan-Aug Budget =
\$131,640

Jan-Aug Giving =
\$112,251

Jan-Aug Exp. =
\$119,251

YTD income/loss =
-\$6,830

*since we print the newsletter prior to the end of the current month, the newsletter reporting will always be one month behind.



SUNDY ADULT EDUCATION

October 2nd— 3 Possible Goals from discernment process, discussion
Led by Pastor and Jack B.

October 9th—Lutheran Theological Gem: Law and Gospel, self-study guide

October 16th—Lutheran Theological Gem: Freedom of a Christian,
led by Pr. David S. (SHLC)

October 23rd—Lutheran Theological Gem: Theology of the Cross,
led by Pr. Dave T. (CofC)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are welcome to participate. The Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall each Monday at 12:30pm. They are studying the book of Joshua. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vivian Waid.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday @ 9am the men gather 9:00am 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.

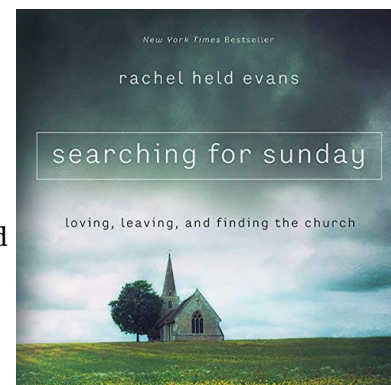
MID-WEEK DINNER & STUDY

This is an adult study group that will meet to discuss both books on certain topics and books of the Bible. Each study will be 4-5 weeks in length with breaks in-between. The first stud will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 26th and go to Wednesday Nov. 16th. We will meet from 6-7:30pm. We'll share in a light meal or dessert from 6-6:30pm and then begin our study together.

Gathering in the FH: Wednesdays from Oct. 26th-
Nov. 16th

Topic of conversation: Searching for Sunday by
Rachel Hold Evans

Please sign-up with Pastor Krista so she can order enough books. If you wish to reimburse the cost of the book, it will be \$13.



CONFIRMATION & FAMILY DINNER

Confirmation is beginning again!

This year we will focus on Luther's Small Catechism using the curriculum "Chosen Together" by Pr. Natalie Hall. Our confirmands will meet each Thursday evening in Luther's Lounge beginning on Oct. 20th. We will share in dinner together from 5:30-6pm and then enter our study from 6-7pm.

The first Thursday of each month we will share in brief family worship from 7-7:30pm using Holden Evening Prayer as our guide.

Please hold our confirmands in prayer. Families are still discerning participation, we will share a list of confirmands next month

COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings from your council.

We had a very successful summer at the farmers market and the North Bend block party. We provided crafts and interacted with 40 to 100 kids each week. There were a number of teachable moments that arose as we interacted with the kids and their parents. One that stood out for me was a young boy picked up one of the olive wood crosses that were giving out and asked me what it was. I told him it was a cross. He asked “what is a cross”? So I got to share Jesus’s story with him. I truly believe that even though we don’t have a large children and youth program in house, we are reaching a significant number of children through these outreach activities.

As we move into the fall we are going to move to the next phase of our discernment process we started several months ago. In this phase we will use the information we have gathered so far to identify ministries we want to do. We will be looking at opportunities to expand our service to the community by partnering with other service organizations such as Encompass, the senior center, or various youth centered organizations.

We will also be looking for better ways to spread the gospel to our community. On October 2nd Pastor and I will present some possible ministry goals for your input and see what goals you all may wish to add to this list. You all will be receiving a letter in mid – October regarding these potential goals. This letter will be followed by a phone call from a council member to discuss listen to your input and answer your questions about the process.

The churches of the East King County Cluster of our synod have moved the date of our second meeting from September 17 to November 5. We will continue discussing ways we might collaborate. We will be looking at a variety of areas including use of our facilities, youth programs, music programs, and finances. If you have any ideas about activities we could partner with other churches on let a council member know.

As I mentioned last month, we will hold a congregational meeting on November 13. We will be approving the 2023 budget and electing new council members. If you would like to be involved in setting goals and guiding our church into the future please consider serving on council. We meet the second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested let me know.

For concerns or questions about facilities and programs please contact a council member.

Jack Boller

Ways to Give



If you purchase from Amazon:

1. Set up Amazon Smile
2. Select Mount Si Lutheran as a beneficiary.

We will receive a percentage as a donation from Amazon to Mt Si. *See our website for links and more info.*

Make a gift online through our website:

www.mtsilutheran.org/onlinegiving

Thank you for your continued generosity.

-Treasurer

*“You show me
the path of
life. In your
presence
there is full-
ness of joy”
Ps. 16*

FAITH FORMATION

It Takes Faith

It takes faith to embark on a journey, especially a journey not of our choosing.

It takes faith to make the first step and then another and another.

It takes faith to clamp down our fears and boldly go.

It takes faith to embrace what is new and different, unfamiliar or downright scary.

It takes faith to journey with God into the unknown, with a spring in our step and a song in our heart.

It takes faith.

- Spill the Beans, iss. 13

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts Leaders meet at the church on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm

AA

AA meets every Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 9:00pm



Mt. Si Lutheran Church Archeological Dig A Jar Has Been Found!

A Bible Study Seminar—October 1st
9:00-12:30pm

A jar has been found. This jar contains fragments of texts that appear to be from the Bible. The outside of the jar has letters and words in the ancient Greek language. There are also engravings of an individual in ancient dress. An inscription on the bottom of the jar reads: "To: Mt. Si Lutheran Church"

Come! Be an archeologist for a day!
An event for all ages!

F.A.M.S.

October 20th, 4:30-5:30pm
Dinner to follow from 5:30-6pm

Faith Adventures at Mt. Si Lutheran
is a ministry for kids and youth k-8th grade.
The evening consists of fellowship,
experiential learning, food, and fun.

THURSDAY EDUCATION Confirmation

We're excited to start the next round of Confirmation with our middle-school-aged youth, beginning with "unpacking" Luther's Small Catechism.

Confirmands will meet Thursdays 6-7pm with dinner from 5:30-6:00pm in Luther's Lounge

The first Thursday of the month families will be welcome to a Holden Evening like worship from 7-7:30pm

OUTREACH & FAITH FORMATION



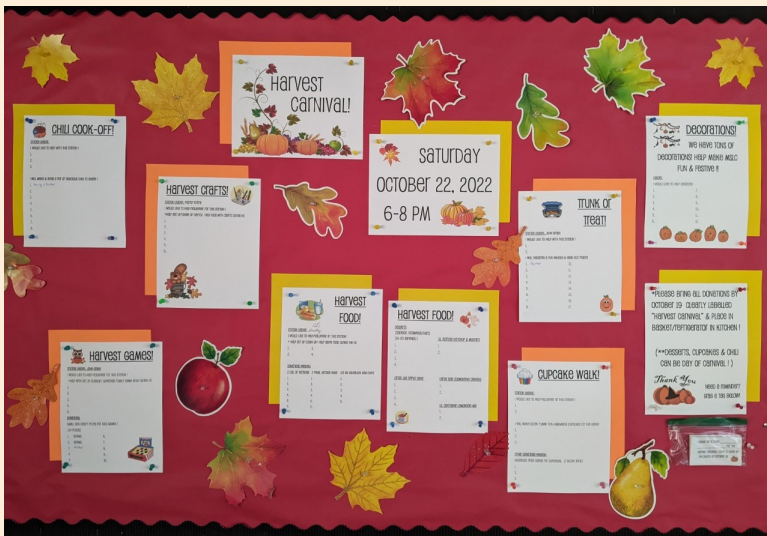
The Harvest Carnival Returns!

Saturday, October 22nd
6:00—8:00 pm
Trunk or Treat from 7:30-8:00pm

After making many changes for COVID, we are thrilled to bring back the Harvest Carnival! This event is a big hit in our community, and we appreciate all the Mt. Si Lutheran volunteer support. A sign-up board is posted in the Fellowship Hall for you to write in which activities you can help lead. The more the merrier!

Not to mention the return of the **CHILI COOKOFF!** Volunteers are needed for Games, Crafts, Food, Costume Parade, Cupcake Walk, and **Trunk or Treat!**

If you're interested in hosting a decorated Trunk, donating a cake for the Cupcake Walk or contributing a crockpot of Chili, sign-up will be on the same board! Can't wait to see you there!



CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Sunday School 1st Sunday of each month following the Fellowship Hour

Someone will be available to meet with children and youth on the other Sundays as needed.



St. Andrew's has invited Mt Si youth to play Mini Golf

Mini Golf! Saturday, October 15, 2022, | 10:30 am | We will be going to Rainbow Run at Willows Golf Course in Redmond for a fun mini-golf outing! A round typically takes 90 minutes. The cost is \$13 per person. All youth, grades 6-12, are invited! Please let John know by Sunday, October 9 if you would like to participate so we can make arrangements for transportation.

SIGN-UP using this link:

<https://salc.church/event/youth-mini-golf>

Upcoming Dates:

Everything Apples

Sunday 11/6

Mini-Golf (6-12th gr.)

Saturday 11/15

Advent Festival

11/27

Holly Days

Saturday 12/3

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 John Grebe know.

OCTOBER



Bailey Dukich 6th
Stephanie King 8th
Joan Moe 9th
Matt Rodriguez 9th
Pat Thomas 9th
Kaelynn Sampson 10th
Autumn Dukich 13th
Victoria Spurling 13th
Debbie Spurling 14th
Riley Buckmaster 20th
Courtney Adams 23rd
Joyce Ayers 29th

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

Send content for our weekly News from the Pews to Kathleen at:
mtsi.assistant@gmail.com

OUTREACH NEWS

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE NEWS

The situation:

While the first months of the hurricane season were relatively quiet, September brought damaging storms including hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Hurricane Fiona inundated Puerto Rico with rain, reminding people of the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Maria in 2017.

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida on Sept. 28 with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic, life-threatening flooding. Authorities estimate the destruction could amount to a historic flooding event, and the number of fatalities is expected to rise. The western coast of Florida was hit particularly hard. Wind gusts of over 130 mph have downed power lines, leaving millions of residents without power. Hurricane Ian continues to bear down, dumping rain and bringing strong winds in its path.

With two months of hurricane season remaining, we stand ready to respond in anticipation of more storms in the weeks ahead.

To learn how you can help go to: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/>

Hi Mt Si team!

Just wanted to let you know that on September 13th: **Your blood drive made a HUGE difference:**

Your blood drive registered 20 donors and collected **17** pints of blood. This means your blood drive potentially saved **51** lives over the last week!



Thank you, heroes!

We couldn't ensure hospital patients have another chance at life without you! Your donation will potentially help save the lives of three people you may never meet. The patients we serve, and their friends and family thank you. See you again in December

Rachel Katchen | Account Manager
PNW Region Blood Services

WORSHIP NEWS



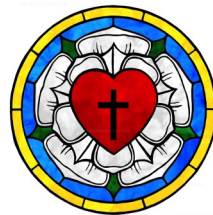
Sunday, October 30th

On Reformation Sunday we honor and recall a time in our church history when change was needed. The Gospel had become hidden and distorted. On Reformation Sunday we proclaim the Gospel as clearly as we can. This is a festival Sunday to honor the movement of the Holy Spirit through Luther and many others and so we invite you to wear the color red for worship on this day. Coffee Hour and Fellowship will follow the service.

October Special Preaching Series

In the month of October the local clergy in our cluster are planning a preaching series and pulpit exchange experience.

Sammamish Hills, St. Andrew's, Cross of Christ, & Mt Si are participating



The theme for the preaching series is Lutheran Theological Gems. Each pastor is selecting one topic/sermon to prepare. We will then share that sermon at various churches each week. Mt Si will get to hear from two other cluster pastors each one bringing their own topic, then, on October 30th, Reformation Sunday, we will each be back in our home congregation to preach on Justification.

We hope this sermon series will be a blessing to each congregation and I pray it is a blessing to Mt Si. The pastors will also lead an adult study following worship on the topic they preached on. This will be a time to ask questions and dig deeper.

October 2nd—Pastor Krista preaching on the Priesthood of All Believers (inspired from Pr. Lara's sermon on the same topic)

October 9th—Marlin Olson sharing Pastor Krista's sermon on Law and Gospel

October 16th—Pr. David S. preaching on the Freedom of a Christian

October 23rd—Pr. Dave T. preaching on Theology of the Cross

October 30th—Pr. Krista preaching on Justification by Grace



All Saints Sunday

November 6th

We will honor those who have gone before us and now dance with the Saints in light.

The Sunday flower chart is in the Narthex

(area outside sanctuary)

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

OCTOBER

SUNDAY LESSONS

October 2nd

First Lesson:

Matthew 8:23-27

Narrative Lectionary Text:

Ex. 14:1-3, 11-21

October 9th

First Lesson:

Matthew 22:34-40

Narrative Lectionary Text:

Ex. 19:3-7, 20:1-17

October 16th

First Lesson:

Matthew 16:24-27

Narrative Lectionary Text:

Josh. 23:1-3, 24:1-15

October 23rd

Narrative Lectionary Text:

Psalms 51:1-17

Preaching Text:

1 Cor. 1:17-18, 22-24

October 30th Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Narrative Lectionary Text:

1 Kings 3:1-15

BISHOP'S LETTER

September 2022



“Sometimes it’s boring.
Sometimes it’s thrilling.
Sometimes it makes me cry.”

(Quote from “The Wonderful Ordinarity of Congregational Life” by Cheryl Fullerton, Christian Century, March 2022)

Recently I was thinking about church. (Full disclosure ... I think about church quite a bit.) But, in particular, I was thinking about the rhythm of church life. And I think the above quote from Cheryl Fullerton sums it up pretty nicely.

Sometimes it’s boring

I admit, sometimes there is something that is uninteresting about church. Perhaps it is the repetitive nature of it. Perhaps it is the cyclical nature of things. Perhaps it is seeing the same people in the same pew week after week and year after year.

We know that Fred will sing the hymns out of tune ... every time. We know that Mary will cluck her tongue at someone’s tattoo peeking out from their sundress. We know that Mike will fall asleep during the sermon, and we know that Dan will try to share the peace with every single person. We know that the children will fidget. We know that the baby might cry. We know that we have rituals and sacraments and prayers that we say each week. We know that sometimes we won’t hear the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us – that sometimes this message sails over our heads because we’re too busy looking at the bulletin.

And yet ...

Sometimes it’s thrilling

I always get goosebumps when I hear the words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” I rejoice each Easter when we all shout, “He is risen! He is risen indeed!” Candles lit in darkness bring hope and light on Christmas Eve. When I am privileged to place bread in people’s hands and I see young, old, wrinkled, black, white, brown hands reaching out for Jesus, it is truly miraculous.

We know that Fred cares for his wife with Alzheimer’s. We know that Mary still grieves her daughter. We know that Mike works the late shift, and we know that Dan only leaves his group home for church. We know that the children will hear of Jesus. We know that the baby will grow up in the community of elders. We know that sometimes we will hear and understand, if even for a moment, the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us.

And so ...

Sometimes it makes me cry

Church is not for the faint-hearted. Church is not for people who only want to be with their own kind. Church is for the young, the middle-aged and the old. The healthy and the sick. The spiritually depleted and the spiritually full. Those who are seeking, those who are exhausted, and those who are filled with fire for justice. We all come together. The Freds and Marys and Mikes and Dans. And we sing and we pray, and we receive Jesus, in community, together.

Church is wonderfully boring and thrilling. We catch glimpses of the divine amongst the coffee pot and petty disagreements. We see Mary hug the tattooed young girl after she is baptized. We see Mike exchange high fives with Dan. We see Fred with tears singing at the top of his lungs, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives.”

There is nothing like church.

“Sometimes it’s boring.
Sometimes it’s thrilling.
Sometimes it makes me cry.”

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee