

Mount Si Lutheran  
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# Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## Key Dates:

Feb 7-9th  
Directory Pictures

Feb. 7th  
7pm Beer &  
Theology at the  
Parsonage

Feb 14th  
6-8pm Valentines  
Dinner

Feb. 15th  
6pm Sledding at  
Snoqualmie Pass

Feb 20th  
Life Line  
Screening

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

Over the last month our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning Bible study groups have been digging into the history behind how the Bible came together over the centuries by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In our

studies I came across the proclamations written during the Council of Rome in 382AD, which include which books will be included in the canon of the Holy Bible. Also, included was a section on the names attributed to Jesus. I invite you to read through this list and see what you recognize and what might seem a little odd to you! Over the last month I keep coming back to this list. I have found it a beautiful way to start my day as I reflect on the many ways I can count on Jesus.

Blessed February to you all!

God, who is spirit;  
the word, who is God;  
the Son, who is only-begotten of the Father;  
the man, who was born of the virgin;  
the priest, who offered himself as a sacrifice;  
the shepherd, who is the guard;  
the worm, who rose from the dead;  
the mountain, which is strong;  
the way, which is straight;  
the harbor, which one may pass through into life;  
the lamb, which was slain;  
the stone, which is the cornerstone;  
the master, who is the bringer of life;  
the sun, which is the illuminator;  
the true, which is of the Father;  
the life, which is the creator;  
the bread, which is dear;  
the Samaritan, who is the guard and the merciful;  
the Christ, who is the anointed one;  
Jesus, who is the savior;  
God, who is from God;  
the messenger, who was sent;  
the bridegroom, who is the mediator;  
the vine, by whose own blood we are redeemed;  
the lion, who is king;  
the rock, which is the foundation;  
the flower, which is chosen;  
the prophet, who revealed the future.



Peace

Pastor Krista

*LifeTouch*®

CHURCH  
DIRECTORY  
PHOTOGRAPHY

## FEBRUARY COMMUNITY GATHERINGS!

Feb. 7th-9th  
Still some spots left  
and you can bring  
your pet!  
Plus a free 8X10  
We could use some  
volunteers, sign ups  
are in the Fellowship  
Hall



Sledding at Snoqualmie Pass!  
Friday February 15th 6-8pm!  
Snacks and drinks will be provided. Sign up  
sheets are in the Narthex. Further details are on  
page 4!



Share the Love ~ A CYF Fundraising Event  
Thursday, Feb. 14th, 6-8pm in the Fellowship  
Hall  
Details on page 4



Life Line Screenings go beyond regular checkups to look in-  
side your arteries for signs of plaque build up  
Wednesday February 20th in the Fellowship Hall.  
To make an appointment go to [www.lifelinescreening.com/](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/)



### Thirsty for Theology Thursday

Thursday, February 7th, 7:00pm @ the Parsonage  
All are welcome to join in friendly conversation on various  
theological topics. No expertise necessary! This is a time to  
listen to each other and be challenged by various opinions and  
experiences. This is not a time to be told what to believe, but to  
thoughtfully wrestle with your faith. Questions? Ask Pastor  
Krista!

## ONGOING GATHERINGS...

**Women's Bible Study** every Monday  
afternoon from 12:30-2:00pm.

**Men's Bible Study and Breakfast** every  
Saturday morning @ Country Pride Res-  
taurant at 8am

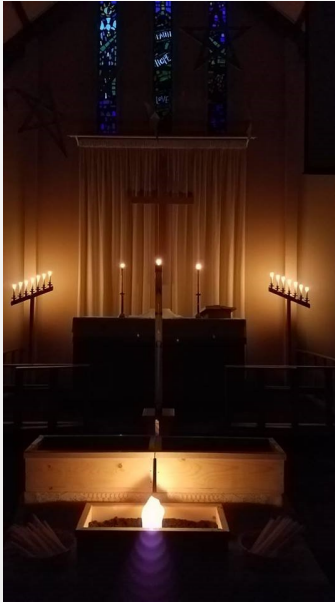
**Monthly Birthday Celebration** happens  
the first Thursday of every month at  
11:30am in the fellowship hall. Celebrate  
the birthdays of the current month with  
cake, conversation and lunch

**Quilters** gather every Tuesday at 9:30am  
to make quilts for LWR.

**Prayer Shawls & Needlework** group  
meets every Thursday at Mt Si Golf  
Course at 9:30am

# FEBRUARY EXCITEMENT!

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it



Hurricane forces wont keep this church from worship. 1st day of Epiphany



Epiphany Bonfire at The Burnside's

## Family Game Night was a huge hit!



Epic Jenga tower with Tom Burnside and Courtney Adams

Kids Story Time at the Parsonage! PJs and Cocoa  
The older kids did great at reading their books to the smaller kids



# FEBRUARY CYF EVENTS!

February 14<sup>th</sup>

Come and join the Mt. Si community for Share the Love Valentine's Day Dinner This CYF sponsored fundraiser will provide a fine dining experience for a loving community. Child care will be available for families as they celebrate Valentine's Day. The tickets are on sale at \$15 per person (additional donations are welcome)!



February 15

Mt. Si on a Slippery Slope? Come and join us for an evening of Inner Tubbing @ Snoqualmie Summit 5 6pm – 8pm. Tickets: Adult (13+) \$26, Youth (6-12) \$24, and Child (0-5) \$8. You can purchase your tickets in advance, but they are nonrefundable. From previous experience there hasn't been an occasion when the advance purchase was necessary. We will be providing snacks and hot chocolate. Scholarships are available.

The Valentine's Day dinner is a CYF sponsored event and my hope is that our youth will be able to be involved. The proceeds will go to upcoming events and activities. The confirmation class is wrapping up their commitment and we will be announcing the final class times and plans soon. During midwinter break I will be available to share a meal or coffee in town for those that are staying in town. I hope to visit with each of you throughout the month and be able to interact with your lives.



As we look forward to this summer, I have identified some important dates and started making plans. Please put these events on your calendars.

Summer Schedule  
Block Party July 20  
VBS July 28 VBS  
Parade August 10

Camping Trip August 23-25 (location yet to be determined and dates are tentative and I will update soon)



# PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday school Update! Calling all families!  
Calling all kids!

We are hoping that February and a return to regular schedule will bring our families back as we have many exciting weeks ahead!



We will continue to talk about our families and begin to discuss Jesus' amazing ministry! We will continue to learn more about Habitat for Humanity and collect money for this wonderful outreach program.

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 - please come and be ready to start right at 9:30 as we worship and celebrate together!

\*Submerge: 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:20 Go!

\*Adult Education Hour: 9:45-10:30 AM

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with special projects, crafts etc., if you are interested please see Debbie Jones or Courtney Adams. Come check us out! We have classes for ages 3-103, so there is sure to be something that will meet your needs!

## **Sunday School Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year:**

Preschool—Peggy Halferty & Rosemary Hanson Kindergarten/First grade—Debbie Jones  
Second/Third grades—Courtney Adams Fourth/Fifth grades—Kim Buckmaster& Joanne Chase  
Submerge Teen Time—John Grebe  
Adult Education Hour—Pastor Krista/ Marlin Olson/Dan Luke  
Substitute teacher- Enid Gast

## 2019 Council

### President

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# COUNCIL CORNER

## Council Report.....

As we enter the season of Epiphany, we are reminded that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it. We enter this new year together guided by the light of our faith.

This year we have adopted a new devotional for the church council. This is a great book that Pastor Krista has used previously in other congregations, **CALLED by GOD to SERVE: Reflections for Church Leaders** by Robert F. Holley & Paul E. Walters.

After extensive research the Stewardship and Finance committee recommended council move some of our general savings, \$20,000.00 of our general savings to fixed rate CD's of varying term length/rates at Umpqua Bank. On January 8th council approved the moving of the funds, along with the Pastor's Sabbatical restricted funds and Memorial Reserve funds to short term fixed rate CD's. Further details will be presented at the annual meeting January 27, 2019. If you have question or would like to know more details please reach out to any of your council members, Tom Chase, or Jeff King. Over the next few weeks your council members will be reaching out to you to ask you a few questions about your experiences here at Mt Si Lutheran. We are hoping to speak to all our members before our March council meeting. The questions we are going to be asking each member....

1. What can council and the congregation be praying for in your life?
2. How can we support you in your faith life?
3. What are you most excited about in the life of Mt Si Lutheran?
4. What are you concerned about?

Our Roof Fund raising efforts continue, we are currently at \$65,000.00. Thank you for your generous donations. We are continuing to work on fundraising events. We will be hosting a Silent & Live Auction Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Sigillo Cellars in Snoqualmie. We are partnering with the Snoqualmie Valley Foodbank. We will also be doing many other fundraising events in the upcoming months.

We were recently approached by the Boy Scouts of America to consider being a charter organization for the first all-girl troop for the valley. The council is currently in discernment and gathering more information.

Finally, please reach out to any of your council members if you have questions or concerns. We are here to serve our members and continue to help guide our church in our missions of ...Serving, Reaching Out and Growing in Grace. There are many wonderful opportunities to help serve these missions. If you are interested in helping please let us know, we are always in need of your support and help.

Blessings, Erica Haycox

All voting members and Council have reached the decision to hire Achten Quality Roofing and are moving forward with our new roof!

Fundraising Goal: \$100,000 to replace the roofs on the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Please prayerfully consider helping Mt. Si reach this goal!

**Current giving/pledges total : \$57,000 THANK YOU!**

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY

For many of us February is that month that seems much longer than it is. It is often a time of lamenting and longing for spring to arrive. This year I do not feel that way because it doesn't seem like winter has even arrived. From my recollection we only had two days of frost or freezing temperatures at night this winter. I am holding out hope for some winter conditions so we can go play in the snow.

The winter months also provide some great opportunities for quiet times of sitting and being present for one another. With Valentine's Day in the middle of February we have an ideal opportunity to come together for a special event to express love to one another. I am sure you have heard that there are many ways love is expressed in scripture. I want to encourage and challenge you to look up the unique words and expressions from around the world that are used to express the idea of love. May our days be filled with love!

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Etta Katocs	February 1
Edwin Benson	February 2
Marge Bliss	February 2
Marlin Olson	February 9
Jim Flanagan	February 10
Dave Spurling	February 12
Annabelle Cassidy	February 13
Jenny Lynch	February 19

Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Don Davis Jr	February 8
Paul and Laura Ritzenthaler	February 9
Brent & Dana Koukol	February 14
Tom and Inge Burnside	February 21

## Reach for the Stars!

The Silent & Live Auction to raise money for the roof is really coming together!  
We all have been working constantly to make this auction spectacular.

If you would like to help with the Auction here are some basket items we are looking for:

Seahawks/Mariners swag, tickets...  
Tea/Coffee Time  
Kid's Fun  
Garden  
All Things PNW  
Kitchen

These are suggested items but not limited to...

You may bring the items to Ambur or leave them in the Narthex no later than February 17th

Tickets are on sale now, See Ambur

\$50 per ticket

\$100 per VIP ticket

(Limited Quantity)

Includes food and one drink token





### Connecting the dots

Bishop Kirby Unti  
I have thought many times  
about my trip last year to  
Standing Rock to stand in  
solidarity with our Native  
American brothers and sisters  
as they fight to protect their lands

and waters. I will never forget how the Standing Rock people spoke of their sacred land. Their relationship with the land is very personal. They understand the earth is their mother. The soil is the womb of the mother. The rivers, lakes and sea are the amniotic fluid. They were there with tribal representatives from around the world not to protect their property, but to protect their mother's womb and the fluids that make for life.

It was so clear to me how they live in relationship with the land and water. Relationship for them is about seeing themselves as a part of the earth -not separate from it or in any way above it. Their relationship with the land is very mutual -each knowing they rely upon the other for their very existence. Compare that to how we have treated the earth in the Western world. Often, we see the earth as an object that we are free to exploit. The earth is there for our use and benefit. It becomes our property and our possession, and we have monetized every part of it. It is only in recent times that we come to the realization that we are severely harming the earth and may be pushing her beyond her capacity to heal and renew herself. The rate of decline of the polar ice cap and the increase of carbon dioxide into the air is alarming. We are noticing the damage in the rising of both temperatures and the seas. Our Lutheran Church in Shishmaref, Alaska is faced along with the whole town with having to relocate as the seas continue to rise. Luther would find this to be very disturbing because he believed so strongly that God is embedded in all the creation -even in the tiniest tree. Just as we are called to love our neighbor, we are called to see the creation as sacred and to be in relationship with it. When we do not honor our relationships, we cease to live long in the land.

I am starting to connect the dots

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I see that we in the West have not only become separated from the land, we have become separated from our neighbors. I believe this separation is one of the leading forces that is dismantling the church as we have known it. In too many cases we no longer see our neighbors as subjects to be highly regarded. We see our neighbors as objects to be used for our benefit. Exploitation not only will destroy the earth, it will destroy the church and the communities in which we live. Our Living Local movement invites us to overcome the gap that exists between us and our neighbors. The movement invites us to come to know our neighbors. It is all about entering mutual relationships of caring and serving together. One of the classic definitions of sin is separation — when we become separated from God and neighbor and are turned in on ourselves. Might I suggest we all need to get our hands in the dirt and discover once again Mother Earth. Might we care for her, deeply respect and honor her, and learn how to live in relationship with her. And might we come to know our neighbors, care for them, deeply respect and honor them and learn how to live in relationship with them.

#### **Rostered Ministers:**

It is annual report to the bishop time!  
Find the forms here:  
[www.elca.org/Resources/](http://www.elca.org/Resources/)  
Office of the Secretary  
under the "Synod" tab. Download the appropriate form for your call. Complete the form. Save the form. Send the form to [office@lutheransnw.org](mailto:office@lutheransnw.org)

# SERVING SUNDAY

## Coffee Hour Hospitality

If you enjoy our coffee hour between worship services perhaps you would consider serving as a host for a coffee hour. If you aren't sure what that looks like, reach out to Pastor Krista or Courtney Adams. We are happy to teach anyone how to make the coffee. Goodies can be as simple as you like. The dishwasher makes clean-up easy. Thank you for considering this way of serving here at Mt Si!



## Sunday Worship Assistants

Thought about serving during worship? Pastor Krista is happy to train Lectors and Communion servers anytime. We also have someone to train ushers and acolytes. If you are interested please just let us know and we will get you trained and ready. Youth are more than welcome to lector and serve in all other ways on Sunday.

Are you a musician? Want to offer special music at a service? Contact Pastor Krista or Dave Spurling or Andy Velebir to get involved in our music ministry. Thanks!

## Flowers

If you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion in **2018**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

## There is a new sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall

*If you cannot assist on the day assigned, please contact the church office so we can help you find a replacement. Thank you for serving!*

### Worship Assistants For January

	LECTOR	USHER	COMM. ASST.	ACOLYTE	CANTOR
<b>Feb. 3rd, 8:15</b>	Tom B	Bill G/Dana K	Inge B	NEED	Jack B
<b>Feb. 3rd, 10:45</b>	Anne K	Mark I/Mike H	Rosemary H	NEED	Praise Team
<b>Feb. 10th, 8:15</b>		Tom C/Bill G	Courtney A	Kelsey H	
<b>Feb. 10th, 10:45</b>	Brenda D	Janey B/Ed B	Vicki W	Molly D	Praise Team
<b>Feb. 17th, 8:15</b>	Bill G	Mike K/David V	Marlin O	NEED	
<b>Feb. 17th, 10:45</b>	John K	Linda L/Mike H	Joanne C	NEED	Praise Team
<b>Feb. 24th, 8:15</b>	John A	Dana K/Tom C	Inge B	NEED	
Feb. 24th, 10:45	Erica H	Mark I/Bill G	Suzy C	NEED	

### Counters

Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24
Debbie J/Janey	Ed Benson	Dan Luke	Bill Gast

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
			Pastor Krista out for Continuing Education			
3 8:15am Worship 9:30am Education and Fellowship 10:45am Worship	4 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	5 8:30am-4pm Homeschool Group 9:30am Quilters	6	7 9:30am Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt Si Golf Course 4:30pm Girl Scouts 6pm AA 7pm Beer & Theology	8	9 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
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# Confirmation

To be announced at a  
later time



**Food of the  
Month:**

**Canned  
Meat**

**Chicken,  
tuna...**



## **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.

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**Council President, Erica Haycox**

*Are you interested in contributing to the newsletter?*

*Please contact the church office and let us know!*

*We are happy to include your articles and stories.*

*Peace to you!*