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Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

May 2019

Key Dates:

May 1st-Dinner
and Faith
@6:30pm (every
Wednesday)

May 2nd-Thirsty
for Theology @
7:00pm

May 11th-
Council Retreat
@8:30am

May 14th-
Council Meet-
ing@ 7:00pm

May 17-19th-
Synod Assembly

May 22nd-
Serving at the
Snoqualmie Food
Bank @ 9:00am

May 27th Memo-
rial Day, Office
closed

May 28th-
Women's Minis-
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Pastor's Note.....

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Amen! Amen! Thanks be to God!

This is a season of new life, joy, hope and thanksgiving! It is the time that we see, without a shadow of a doubt, that in the face of death, we can stand with tears in our eyes while still holding on to the very real and true promise of resurrection. This is the season we remember that, in the face of incomprehensible tragedy and sorrow, Jesus comes alongside us and says, "I am here and I will be with you to the end of the age." We watch as our Lord meets his disciples, still in shock and uncertain after the resurrection news. We watch as our Lord gently gathers them together, feeds them, loves them and encourages them.

This is also a season of endings as a school year comes to a close and we honor our graduates and give Bibles to some our young ones who have come of age. With endings comes the transition to what's next.

Here at Mt Si leadership is looking at what's next for this faith community. One piece that is we will try out in the next couple months is the formation of "Outreach Action Teams (OATS)" that will form as needed to support various outreach events such as the Block Party, Farmer's Market, the Festival at Mt Si Parade and other engagement opportunities. These are focused groups that will take leadership for these events and then dissolve after the event is complete. A new Action Team board will appear soon in the Fellowship Hall for you to see what opportunities are there and how you can help support spreading the word about this faith community and our love for Jesus!

Another piece we are looking at is developing our communication. Last month we "hid" a text within the newsletter inviting people to go to DT Vintage for a surprise...we left five Starbucks gift cards for folks to pick up. Well....as far as I know....they were not redeemed. I know folks are busy and the newsletter is full. So, it might be that creating this large monthly document is not the way to go for housing the bulk of our communication...or perhaps April was just extra busy and folks didn't have time to read the newsletter. So, we will try it again. The gift cards have moved to a new location. To find out where, find the Bacon in the Narthex and follow the instructions.

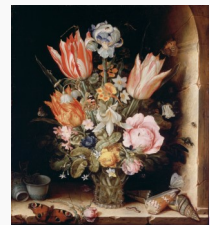
We hope this whimsical way of communicating brings a smile to your face and a hot or cold beverage to your belly.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!!!!

Peace
Pastor Krista Oppie

Flowers for Church Alcove

Are you interested in putting flowers in the Church's alcove? There is an opportunity to contribute flowers for the entire month, rotating every four months. If you are interested or have questions please contact Pat Thomas at (425)888-0861



MAY COMMUNITY GATHERINGS!



Dinner & Faith
Starting May 1st @ 6:30pm

Come join us every
Wednesday for
Fellowship and
Nourishment

Focus of topic will be on the
life and work of

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**please bring a dish to share
for our potluck dinners**



Backpack Spring Fling!

A Women's Ministry Event

All women and children are invited to come join us to
learn about the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank
Backpack Program

Potluck picnic/bbq style dinner
Games
Prizes
Fellowship

A main dish of pulled pork will be provided

Please bring a side dish (sign-ups are in Narthex)

**If needed, there will be drivers available to pick up
and drive you home afterwards. We want everyone to
come!**



Thirsty for Theology

Thursday

Thursday, May 2nd 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. Questions? Ask Pastor Krista!



Serving at the Food Bank

May 22nd, 9am

Volunteers are always welcome to help serve at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank. Sign ups are in the Narthex on the Sign-Up Board

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 Restaurant 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

Women's Ministry meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month to discuss faith, plan service projects and more...May 28th, Spring Fling! 6pm

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Faith, 6:30-8pm each Wednesday until mid-June.

Thirsty for Theology, 1st Thurs. of the Month @ the parsonage. Meet at 7pm

APRIL MEMORIES



John Cassidy and Ed Benson at The Black Dog putting on a 1940's themed show



Women's Ministry Day Out!



Palm Sunday



Confirmation



Easter Sunday



Easter egg hunt!



CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY

This month is a remarkable month with Mother's Day on the 12th, Synod Assembly on the weekend of 17-19th, and Memorial Day on the 27th. As the season of Easter continues I realize the significance of every moment and everyone being significant in the context of the season. The resurrection and promise of eternal life fills me with hope and instills in me a conviction to build a positive foundation as to who I am at the core. The month of May has always felt like a month of gratitude as spring really starts to set in with new life taking root. To follow in that theme during May we will be exploring how our children's ministry can grow new roots.

Children are the proverbial new life taking root. Directing children's ministry is a joy for me. After having been here for a year and fostering some wonderful relationships with the children I am excited to see new ways we can grow this ministry. Throughout the summer we will be developing leadership and opportunities for this ministry. We will continue to explore hands on food processing like they experienced with apples in the fall. The next adventure with food will be cheese making this summer. These events are fun and filled with fellowship while the desirable outcomes is to gain an integrated appreciation of God's creation and provision for our daily lives. We have also effectively incorporated the idea that our hands are made for service by developing creative ways kids can give love to others through jars of cookie dough, apple pies, potted flowers, and other gifts of hospitality. As we continue to develop this ministry we will be setting up times to gather families to discuss ideas around education, service, worship, and fellowship. Please continue to pray for this ministry and consider ways you wish to be involved.

Youth ministry for the month of May consists of preparation for VBS, Synod Assembly, and strategizing ways to support youth as they live out their busy lives. In June we will be having an end of the year celebration. June and the summer months will be a time of growth as we look at the fall and next year. Our youth may be few in numbers but they each have wonderful gifts and the church is an ideal place for encouraging those gifts.

Children, Youth, and Families Serve

Starting in June our youth and children are encouraged to come and help with hot meals for the summer. If you are Interested please talk to John, Erica, or Pastor Krista so that we can sign you up to help.

Vacation Bible School leadership is working to create a fun and vibrant week around the theme of C.S. Lewis' The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Let John know if you are interested in helping out. We still have opportunities for you to be involved.

Children, Youth, and Families Upcoming activities June 8th!

Waterhouse Center Challenge Course All ages are welcome to come and join us on the course on June 8th, details yet to be determined.

PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday school Update!

Christ has Risen! He has risen indeed! Happy Easter!! What a blessed Easter season!

These final weeks find us hearing wonderful stories about fascinating people. In this collection of stories and teachings, there are valuable lessons for life. The Bible contains wisdom that can help us discover how God wants us to live. Our Scripture verse is Deuteronomy 6:4-9 *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being and all your strength.”*

The theme for these lessons is to Worship the one true God! We are called to constantly think and act upon the commandment that we are to love God. **May we all know and always remember God is Lord!**

*** We hope that all our families will take advantage of this dedicated time for our children to grow in their faith and join in fellowship, fun and learning with other church friends!**

May Sunday School Calendar of events!

- May 5 Projects for Mother’s Day! **Lesson:** Families Remember God.
May 12 Happy Mother’s Day! **Lesson:** **Lesson:** Family Traditions!
May 19 **Lesson:** A Family’s Faith
May 26 **Memorial Day weekend!** No Sunday School!
June 2 Parent meeting Upstairs! Come for coffee and a special snack!
 All kids meet in Luther’s Lounge for a fun project and special snack!
June 9 Last day of Sunday school!
 Sundaes Sunday!
 Father’s Day gifts /Teacher appreciation!

Schedule

- *Children’s Sunday school is 9:35-10:30 AM - please come and be ready to start right at 9:35 as we worship and celebrate together!
*Submerge: 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:20 Go!
*Adult Education Hour: 9:45-10:30 AM

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

COUNCIL CORNER

Council Report.....

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Happy Spring!

A huge thank you to everyone who's diligent and hard work to make our Holy Week and Easter festivities a beautiful success. The church grounds look great and many people enjoyed our activities and outreach. As we move into summer there are still plenty of ways to stay involved and support our community outreach and evangelism efforts.

We will be continuing our fund-raising efforts for the roof this spring and summer. Cornerstone Roofing is will be starting the replacement of all our roofs around May 20th. More information will be coming as we finalize our detailed plans, work should take about 2-3 weeks, weather depending.

Vacation Bible School planning has begun to gather volunteers, please talk to John Grebe if you are interested in helping. There are many ways that you can support our children, youth and family ministries. Please talk with John to find out how you can get connected.

There are many more upcoming events and activities for all ages so check out the bulletin boards in the fellowship hall and sanctuary.

Please watch the constant contact email for updates and check the website for the most current and up to date information. Like us on Facebook to also keep up to date of and see what fun we've been having.

Blessings, Erica Haycox

Fundraising Goal: \$100,000 to replace the roofs
Reach for the Stars Roof Fund Update!
We are almost 90% of the way! Only \$12,117 to GO! We Give Thanks for all that has been raised
so far! Thanks Be to God!
Current giving/pledges total : 95,800!

STAFF NOTE—Your staff is working to boost our communication skills! With a new directory on the way this will help, but over the next few months you will hopefully notice our communication experiments...our goal is keep everyone informed!

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



CC Homeschool Group! It has been great having you and the 60+ kiddos in the building every Tuesday! Have an amazing Summer!



Easter Basket making for Momma's Hands. The kids had a great time putting these baskets together. Thank you to John Grebe and everyone involved!



76 Quilts! Wow! The quilters have been very busy for an amazing cause! The quilts will head to Lutheran World Relief where they will make their way around the world to areas of the most need. Way to go everyone!



Linda Velebir was honored as the Volunteer of the Year with Momma's Hands and House of Hope. Thank you for your Dedication!





UNIQUE UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN MAY

May 17-19—Synod Assembly in Lynwood, WA

May 26th— Last day to turn in items for the Spring FUNDrive! Bring clothing, textiles, shoes and handbags to church April 30-May 26 for this Roof Fundraiser event....questions? Call the church office!

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN JUNE

June 2nd—Hand-out Bibles to 3rd graders and those who did not yet receive one. + Conversation with parents regarding future of Sunday School and other children and youth educational opportunities

June 8th—Ropes Course at Waterhouse! All ages welcome! This is an All Church Event! See John Grebe for details

June 9th—Last day of Sunday School + Teacher Appreciation Day!

June 23rd—ONE WORSHIP, 9:30am + CHURCH PICNIC and summer celebration. Details to follow!

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN JULY

July Worship Schedule—ONE Worship at 9:30am

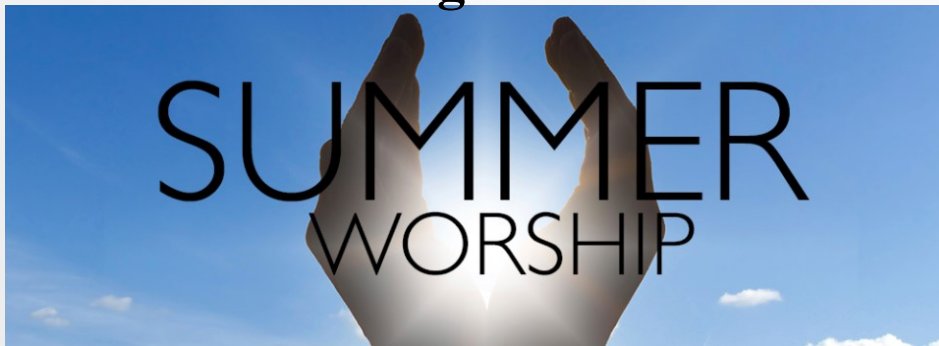
July 20th—North Bend Block Party—we will have a booth again this year!

July 28-Aug 1st—Vacation Bible School; Adventures in Narnia! Register NOW online!

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN AUGUST

August 10th - Festival at Mt Si parade! We will have a float again this year in the parade...want to help? Please contact the office!

9:30am—Begins June 23rd





Northwest Washington Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Words of Encouragement Bishop Kirby Unti. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! -Psalm 27:14I have been pondering what to share with the newly elected bishop. These are a few of my thoughts recorded before the election in

order to reach the editor's deadline. I thought they might be of interest to the whole Synod. + + + + +Dear Newly Elected Bishop, Know that you were called by God to serve as a bishop of this church and that God will provide you with all that you will need. It can be a daunting transition, but there will be many who will accompany you. The people of God will pray for you BY NAME on a regular basis. You will have a staff to share the highs and lows with. You will discover amongst the roster and laity those who will offer you encouragement and graciously speak the truth to you. It is a great privilege to meet so many rostered ministers and wonderful lay people. I was also blessed to know better our specialized ministers and the amazing work they do. The Vice President and the Synod Council will be your partners in offering leadership and direction. Quickly, you will head off to Chicago for Bishop's Formation. It will be a time to bond with your class of newly elected bishops. It is very moving to share your call stories and wonder together if you are fit for what lies ahead. I am confident many of my classmates will be lifelong friends. You will also have the rich experience of being part of the Conference of Bishops. It was a real eye opener for me coming from the Northwest to discover how diverse the practices of this church are.

Yet, I must say I have never experienced a group that works so hard to hear one another and does so in such a respectful way. The Conference became a lifeline for me. Before you even settle in you will attend the Church-wide Assembly where you will experience what it means to gather a thousand strong. You will

be introduced to the many life-giving ways this church is present throughout the world. It is impressive to hear a thousand voices in song and prayer. (And this is from a guy who doesn't enjoy singing!) The joy awaits you of being able to meet a host of judicatory leaders and inter-faith leaders. This is a group that is growing stronger in solidarity against hate and hostility. They will walk alongside of you as together you share the challenges of navigating these times. I encourage you to take advantage of the many ways in which Faith Action Network, our Public Policy Office, will invite your voice and presence to advocate for those who are marginalized by a political system that is deeply influenced by privilege and power. One of my biggest surprises was discovering how deeply valued the church's voice is in a world that still hungers for a gracious moral grounding. I was amazed what it meant to others just to show up. I want you to know that I am praying for you and will continue to, knowing that in addition to the joy and incredible opportunities there is the weight of the office. Coupled with the weight is the pace which at times will be unrelenting. You will need to discover new rhythms and ways to take care of yourself. May God continue to richly bless you and sustain you as you have said "yes" to serve as a bishop of this church! With

gratitude to God for you,
Bishop (Not for long) Kirby Unti

Synod Assembly
May 17-19 at the Lynnwood Convention Center
Learn more at www.lutheransnw.org/2019-Synod-Assembly

Please pray for the elected Bishops and our church representatives

Janey Benson
Tyler Koukol
John Grebe
Lisa Sampson
Pastor Krista

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, 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 **2019**, please see the sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall for openings or call the church office at 425 888-1322.

The sign-up sheet has been moved to the Narthex

May 5th-Rosemary Munson

May 12th- Peggy Halferty

May 26th-Bensons Happy 30th Anniversary!

Worship Assistants For May

	LECTOR	USHER	COMM. ASST.	ACOLYTE	
May 5th, 8:15	Bill G	Tom C/Dana K	Rosemary H	Please sign up	
May 5, 10:45	Brenda D	Janey B/Ed B	Please sign up	D. Davis	
May 12th, 8:15	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	
May 12th, 10:45	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	
May 19th, 8:15	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	
May 19th, 10:45	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	
May 26th 8:15	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	Please sign up	
May 26th, 10:45	Ed B.	Ed B/Janey B	Please sign up	Please sign up	

Counters

May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
NEED	Ed B/Debbie S	NEED	Suzy C

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner & Faith	2 11:30 B-day Brunch 4:00pm Girls Scouts 6pm AA 7pm Thirsty for Theology	3 Pastor's Days Off	4 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride
5 8:15am Worship 9:30am Education and Fellowship 10:45am Worship	6 12:30pm Women's Bible Study Pastor's Day Off	7 8:30am-4pm Homeschool Group 9:30am Quilters	8 6pm BSA #456 6:30pm Dinner & Faith	9 9:30am Needle Art/Fellowship at Mt Si Golf Course 6pm AA	10	11 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study@ Country Pride 830am Council Retreat
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Happy Birthday!

Tom Chase	May 1st
Dan Luke	May 14th
Paul Rizenthaler	May 20th

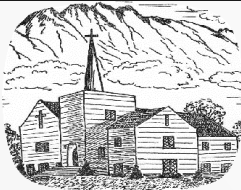


Can you find me?



Happy Anniversary!

Dan & Linda Luke	May 1st
Paul & Etta Katocs	May 9th
Ed & Janey Benson	May 26th



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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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!