

Special Points of Interest:

- July 3rd—4th of July Holiday (offices closed)
- July 14th—6PM All Committee Night
- July 26th-30th—V.B.S. 6-8PM
- Aug. 11th—6PM All Committee Night
- Aug. 15th—5-9:30PM Progressive Dinner
- Aug. 20th-23rd—Family Camping Trip to Salmon La Sac

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Pr. Larry Thomas, An Introduction

Pastor Larry Thomas was born in Los Angeles, California in 1947. He graduated from Reseda High School in 1965. (He's planning to attend his 50th high school reunion in Los Angeles next month!) Pastor Larry graduated from California State University, Northridge in 1970. The following month, Pastor Larry and Ann Hoiland were married in Seattle. In September 1970, they moved to Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, where Pastor Larry began his studies at Luther Theological Seminary.

Ordained in July 1974, Pastor Larry served Lutheran congregations in Malibu, San Diego, and Chatsworth, California. In 1992, The Thomas Family moved to Issaquah when Pastor Larry was called to serve as lead pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church. After serving OSLC for 22 years, he retired in November 2014. Ann and Pastor Larry live in downtown Issaquah.

Pastor Larry and Ann are the parents of four children. Their son, Anders, lives in Seattle. Their son Soren, lives in Los Angeles. Their daughter Rebecca and her husband Stephan, live in New York City; their daughter Emily lives with her husband Dontay in San Antonio Texas. Ann currently works as an elder care provider and a spiritual director. Previously she served as the Director of Conference Services at Trinity Lutheran College. Pastor Larry and Ann are oblates at St. Andrew's Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Valyermo, California. Pastor Larry serves on the board of World Outside My Shoes, a Spokane, Washington, based non-profit that supports the work of Carl Wilkens, the only American to stay in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide.

Since November 10, 2014, Pastor Larry has been enjoying retirement, rest, and renewal. In addition to traveling with Ann to New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, and California, he has written a discussion guide for "I'm Not Leaving," a documentary about Carl Wilkens and enrolled in two short term classes: A song writing class and a class on the Koran. He also volunteered at Wintergrass, the Bellevue bluegrass festival, and The Seattle International Film Festival. Pastor Larry, who was blessed with three sabbaticals while serving OSLC/Issaquah (1999, 2005, 2012) is grateful to be able to serve Mt. Si Lutheran Church as Pastor Mark's Sunday morning summer sabbatical substitute and on-call pastor.



Pastor Larry's Family: Emily, Anders, Pr. Larry, Ann, Soren, and Rebecca



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”.

YOUR DAILY DEVOTIONS (1)

“Your servant, who is devoted...to...You.” (Ps. 119:38 NKJV)

The word “devotion” implies total commitment to someone—giving them your time and attention, enjoying their company, seeking to please them, and making them a priority in your life. And that should be the goal of your daily devotions. But here are two pitfalls to look out for and avoid: 1) *“Me-itis.”* God has promised to bless you. But when you seek His blessing instead of pursuing a relationship with Him, you become me-centered rather than Christ-centered. The truth is, you can pray until you are blue in the face and God won’t give you certain things if you’re not mature enough to handle them. More than anything in life, Abraham wanted a son. And God gave him one. Yet when God asked him to offer his son as a sacrifice, he didn’t hesitate. Abraham proved there was nothing he loved more than God, therefore God promised to bless him and multiply all that he possessed (See Gen. 22:17). Abraham became one of the most successful men in his generation, but his real claim to fame was that God referred to him as a “friend” (Is. 41:8, NKJV). 2) *Being too busy.* One of the dangers of working for God is that you can fail to worship Him. The Psalmist said, “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name” (Ps. 29:2, NIV). The word “due” means “deserving of”. When John saw the multitudes in heaven praising God, they were singing, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power” (Rev. 4:11, NIV). So start your daily devotions in praise by saying: “Lord, I’m here because You deserve to be worshipped and adored.”

(From: *The Word for You Today* devotional, entry for January 7, 2015.)



Invite your friends, family & neighbors to our exciting Vacation Bible School 2015
Sun.—Thurs., July 26th-30th
6:00-8:00PM
FREE!!!

***God’s Work, Our Hands
Day of Service Sunday,
Sept. 13th***
If you are interested in helping plan this awesome day - see Courtney Adams!

Parish Education News!

The Sunday School season is on hiatus for the summer, but we will see you again in September. Have a safe and blessed summer!

Schedule Notes

- July 26th – 30th: VBS—Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on "Everest"
- September 7th: Labor Day
- September 13th: "God's Work, Our Hands" Day of Service
- September 20th: First day of SS for the new school year



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday

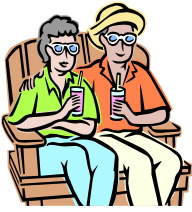
On Sunday, May 31st, we recognized our Sunday School Teachers with a hosted reception in their honor during coffee hour. Each received a special gift from Mt. Si Lutheran to show our heartfelt appreciation for their devoted service to God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the children. Thank you again to all of Mt. Si's Sunday School Teachers. We wish you a peaceful and blessed summer.



Debbie Jones, Rosemary Hanson, Nancy Flanagan, Courtney Adams, Sue Shardelman, Joanne Chase, Kim Buckmaster, Mike Buckmaster, Ann Bartlett (not in photo: Dana Koukol)



James Mehring



Senior Fellowship—Please mark your calendar for Monday, Aug. 17th, at 2:00PM for our ‘Annual Picnic’ in the Fellowship Hall. Herman Schlaht will entertain us with his accordion while we enjoy fellowship and the food you bring to share. If you have any questions, call Joyce Ayers 425 865-9853 or Genada Lynn 435 292-3124.



LIBRARY NEWS—If you like to read biographies, our display table has two of the biographies we have in our library: The Bishop of Rwanda and Sandi Patti. Also, there are two of our classics. For children we have Cheddar-Charlie Chipmunk and Veggie Tales DVD’s on our display table. On our display rack we have DVD’s of the New Testament and Martin Luther. Check out the FREE Book Cart! 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.



Please remember to Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle! Mt. Si Lutheran Church would like to remind everyone that we do have Recycle bins and to ask for your attention and help in placing things that are recyclable in the marked containers and the trash in the trashcans. THANK YOU!



2015 Backpack/School Supply Project

It’s time for the annual backpack and school supply project which Mt Si Lutheran Church organizes. Jane Benson will be organizing this project again this year. We collect supplies and monetary donations with Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, and new shoes are provided by Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church. We are expecting 350 children to sign up for supplies/shoes this year! We need monetary donations to purchase supplies and backpacks. You may also donate school supplies from the list below. Jane will purchase all the 7-12th grade backpacks online for a discounted price. The K-6th backpacks have already been donated from Costco! So, let’s fill up the backpacks! There will be sign-ups in the narthex for help with inventorying supplies, filling the backpacks, and distributing the backpacks on Aug 19th and 26th at the food bank. Jane could also use helpers with the shopping for supplies. If you are a Thrivent Financial member, we can get a \$ donation, for each member, to help with our project. Please contact Jane Benson (425 831-6896) to see how simple it is to apply. Thanks for your help and support with this project serving the children in our community!

Supplies needed: 2 inch binders, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, glue bottles, highlighters, notebook dividers, pocket folders, washable and regular markers, notebook paper, pens, pencils, pencil boxes, youth scissors 4th grade and up, spiral notebooks, composition books, graph paper, index cards, pencil sharpeners. Ticonderoga brand pencils

Dates:

August 9th: School supplies/monitory donations collected. Supplies can be dropped into bin near the apple tree. Checks should be made out to Mt. Si Lutheran Church (memo: school supply project)

August 17th: 10AM Fill Backpacks (lots of help needed)

August 19th & 26th, 9AM – 6PM: Backpacks transported to Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank & handed out.



Community In Action

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 2015 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 are enjoying our warm summer weather. I also hope you are enjoying our summer worship with Pastor Larry Thomas filling in while Pastor Mark is away on sabbatical through August. On July 12 Pastor Larry will be out of town and we will be led by Pastor Elizabeth Rawlings. She is the Pastor at the University of Washington Campus Ministry. Pastor Mark will be returning on September 1.

With the summer officially upon us, we have a number of events coming up. Our annual Vacation Bible School will be held July 26-30. The theme this year is “Everest” and the decorations will be mountain scene related. The event is free to all children in the area. It will include music, crafts, games, treats, and daily lessons. If you are interested in helping decorate or work with the children, please contact James.

In August we will have two events, starting with our annual progressive dinner on August 15. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship with other members of our Mt. Si community. Then the following weekend we will have our family camping trip from August 20-23. As in past years the event will be held at the Salmon La Sac campground. For more information on either of these events see Bob Bartlett.

We are continuing our monthly Committee Night meetings. If you have been thinking about joining a committee but weren't sure how to get started, just show up at the Committee Night meeting. This will give you the opportunity to see what each of the committees does and decide what the best fit for you will be. Families are welcome. We start with Pizza at 6:00 and business begins at 6:30. Our next meetings will be July 14 and August 11. One of our pieces of business for the summer will be to come up with a budget for each committee.

Our Budget and Finance work group presented a proposed budget process to the Council at the June Council meeting. The Council approved the proposal and officially appointed the work group to be the budget committee for this year. Our plan is to have a proposed budget to present to the council in September.

Mt. Si Lutheran has entered into an agreement with King County to clear and reclaim the creek along the north end of our property. The county will cover 90% of the cost to clear out brush and invasive species, replant with native plants, and maintain it for three years. This project will enhance our property and remove an eyesore from our neighborhood.

PLEASE NOTE: We are in need of office coverage at least 9AM-Noon from Aug. 3-19. If you can help, please call the office and speak with Sheila Rodriguez.

Mt. Si Says Farewell and God's Blessings to James Mehring

It is with heavy hearts we say goodbye to our beloved youth director, James. He has been with us now for a little less than two years and we have been blessed by his work in our congregation. It has also been great to get to know his fiancé, Kayla. We will miss them both. While we may be sad to see him go we are also excited for the new work to which God has called him. As he transitions out of our faith family we would like to gather to celebrate his time with us and say goodbye. On Sunday July 19th after the service we will have a farewell party with refreshments. I hope you'll join us in saying goodbye and celebrating the next step in James' life journey! He will be with us through Vacation Bible School and we have a few more weeks of fun together. Make sure to thank him for his time with us. Please see pg. 6 for James' farewell message.

Family & Youth

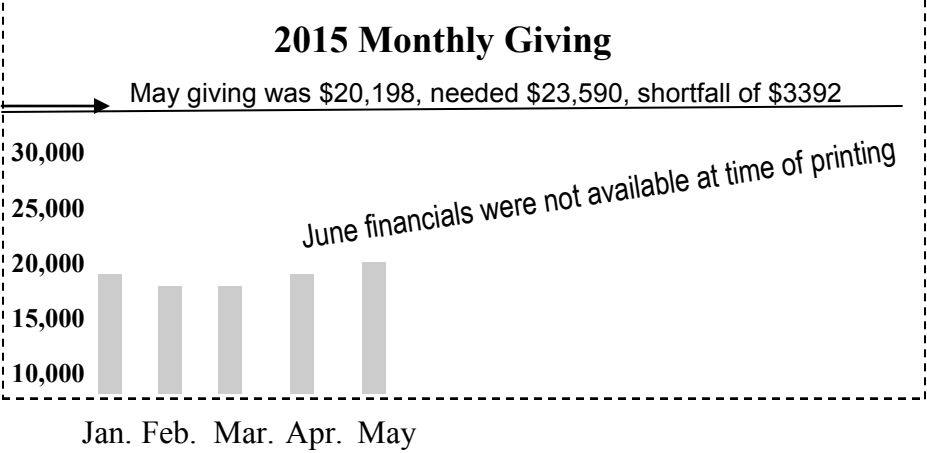


Dear Mt. Si Lutheran Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that I have accepted a position as a Pre-K Teacher at Bright Horizon's Learning Center in Renton and will no longer serve as the Director of Family & Youth Ministry. I would like to Thank Mt. Si Lutheran for being a nurturing, loving, and supportive congregation to me. It has been an amazing few years and will look back on this time fondly. My last Sunday will be July 26th, but I will stay through the end of VBS. I pray in thanksgiving for the time that we were able to share together.

God Bless,
James Mehring
Director of
Family & Youth Ministry





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.



Thank you to all that volunteered, donated or spread the word about the Teen Closet Event that was held

Wed June 3rd. We were able to serve 34 teens from the Valley with new summer clothes, shampoo, deodorant and even hair accessories. A special thank you to the Food Bank, TFMS staff and Two Rivers Staff as the majority of Teens that came to the event named you as referring them to the Teen Closet Event!

We will be having our next Teen Closet Event at the Mt Si Lutheran Church in North Bend right before school starts, date to be determined.

Thank you,
Monica Rutherford & Joan Guenther
Sno-Valley Teen Closet

Automate Your Giving

Are you interested in automating your giving to the church? Through the Simply Giving program your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. Forms are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall or contact the office. Forms should be returned to the church office with Attn: Financial Secretary.

Opportunities to Serve, Reach Out and Grow in Grace

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

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

SUMMER WORSHIP

9:00AM Summer Worship will go through Sept. 13

Office Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for office volunteers for Aug. 3-19. We will have limited office coverage during this time to accommodate the volunteer's schedules (probably 9AM-Noon). If you can commit to one day or several days, please give Sheila Rodriguez a call at 888-1322. Thank you!

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 Ritzenhaler at 425 888-5294.
Location: Mt. Si Golf Course

Bible Study for WOMEN

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



2015 Graduates Recognized on Sunday, June 14th

This year Mount Si Lutheran recognized eight high school graduates and six college graduates. The families hosted a reception following worship to celebrate each of their accomplishments.

Alex Adams from Mount Si High School—*Alex will be attending Washington State University*

Gretchen Chase from Mount Si High School—*Gretchen will be attending the University of Washington*

Kyley Hayes from Mount Si High School—*Kyley will be attending Laramie County Community College, WY*

Kaitlyn Lilleberg from Mount Si High School—*Kaitlyn will be attending Washington State University*

Sam Luna from Mount Si High School—*Sam will be attending Renton Technical College*

Hallie Lynn from Mount Si High School—*Hallie will be attending Abilene Christian University, TX*

Elizabeth Prewitt from Mount Si High School—*Elizabeth will be attending the University of Puget Sound and has accepted a scholarship to play on the women's basketball team, The Loggers*

Joshua Stone from Mount Si High School—*Joshua will be attending Central Washington University*

Edwin Benson from University of Wisconsin -Whitewater—*Edwin received a B.A. in Business Administration in General Management and graduated Magna Cum Laude*

Following graduation, Edwin has accepted a full time job at Aurora Hospital in Milwaukee, WI

Haley Chase from Gonzaga University—*Haley received a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Mathematics*

Nate Chase from Gonzaga University—*Nate received a B.A. in History with a minor in Mathematics*

Ben Luna from Washington State University—*Ben received a B.S. in Integrated Plant Sciences with a major in Turfgrass Management. He will be completing an internship at Gamble Sands Golf Course (near Chelan) as an Assistant Superintendent*

Alexis Plaster Pearlstein from Ball State University—*Alexis received her B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice, with a minor in Spanish. Alexis will join the Redmond Police Department as an officer, following her completion of the police academy training beginning in July*

Victoria Spurling from Columbia Basin College—*Victoria will receive her AA degree in Computer Science (Website Specialist) in August*



Nate Chase, Alexis Pearlstein, Haley Chase, Kaitlyn Lilleberg, Gretchen Chase, Carson Stine, & Alex Adams



Getting to Know our New Members

On Sunday, May 17th, we welcomed several new members. Council hosted a reception following worship. Please make a point to get to know these new members and welcome them to Mt. Si.



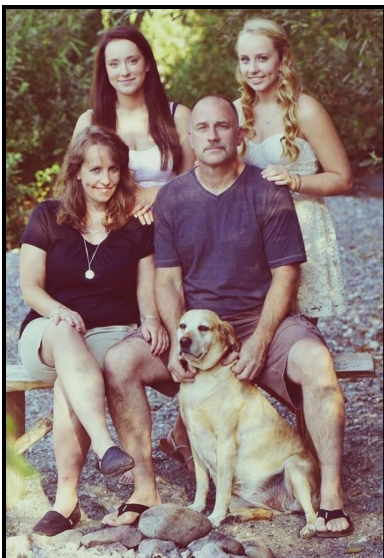
Lawrence (Larry) A Johnson

Attended Concordia Lutheran School Tacoma through the 9th grade. While in the Air Force in Cheyenne Wyoming, I married Carol Waln and was blessed with 4 wonderful children (Deb (north Bend) – Brenda (deceased 1979) – Eric (Omak) – Barbara (Billings)). This marriage dissolved in 1974. My jobs took me to Carlsbad California where my wife (1989), Marge Headland, and I lived and worked for 12 years. My beautiful bride (24 years) went to be with God in 2013 and I moved to North Bend a short time later so as to be close to my daughter Deb and her family. Granddaughter, Miranda Nelson, said “grandpa, will you come to church with me? Joined Mt SI Lutheran Church and started a new (and different) life.



John & Anne Keiser

John is a mechanical engineer from Marshall, Texas, and Anne is an English teacher from Cazenovia, New York. They met in Honolulu and married there 44 years ago. Since then they have lived all over the country, moving to North Bend last year to be near both of their sons and their sons' families. When they are not spending time with their 6 grandchildren, John enjoys walking, sailing, riding bicycles, and fixing up their house; Anne enjoys reading, playing bridge, and doing puzzles; and they both enjoy traveling. John has joined the Saturday Men's Breakfast Bible study and Anne attends the Monday Women's Bible study group.



Tammy, Brian, Kylee & Kirsten Hayes

We are the Hayes Family. Brian, Tammy and Daughters Kylee 18 and Kirsten 16. Brian 's hobbies include riding his motorcycle and snowboarding. Tammy enjoys gardening and riding her bike. Kylee will be leaving for college in the fall to study Agriculture and Livestock production in Wyoming. She enjoys horseback riding, friends, hiking and boating. Kirsten will be entering her Junior year of high school and she loves make up and fashion.

Getting to Know our New Members



Shelley, Steve, Will, Dora and Tess Huestis

Shelley, Steve, and their three children, Will, Dora and Tess moved to North Bend from Seattle in 2007. As a family they enjoy hiking, skiing, basically anything outdoors. The photo was taken in Crescent City, CA during 2015 spring break RV trip to see the Redwoods.



John, Erica, & Declan Haycox

John, Erica, and Declan Haycox moved to North Bend in March of 2014. John is a buyer for Costco in Issaquah and Erica is a former elementary school teacher and now stay at home mom to Declan (2 yrs old). John grew up in the Redmond area while Erica grew up in Ritzville and Newport, Washington.



Lori Murton

Many of you will be familiar with Lori who is also one of our 8:15 worship accompanists. Lori also holds Mt. Si's Treasurer position. Lori lives in Snoqualmie with Dave Brown, her husband of 14+ years. Both are transplanted Canadians, having moved to the US in 2000 from BC. No 2-legged children in the mix, as both prefer the 4-legged feline kind. Lori has a piano degree from the University of Toronto and a B.Sc. in Computer Science from UBC (Vancouver). Interests, in no particular order, include playing the piano (and giving the organ a try once in a while), lots of knitting, jigsaw and crossword puzzling, reading, and, most recently geo-caching. She is very grateful to have the opportunity to share her talents with Mt. Si Lutheran and we feel blessed to have Lori join our staff.



Chris, Lisa, Kaelynn, & Annelise Sampson

We have had ties to Mount Si Lutheran since 2007, and are thrilled to make it official now! Chris and Lisa were married by Pastor Paul back in 2007. Pastor Mark has baptized both Kaelynn and Annelise. Chris has worked as a middle school PE teacher at Odle Middle School in Bellevue since 2001. Lisa has worked in human resources at Group Health in Tukwila since 2007. Kaelynn is 4 1/2 and Annie is 3. Chris skis year-round - every month for 55 months - and Lisa loves reading books. This summer we are excited for several camping trips and to start teaching the girls how to rock climb. We love taking our children and border collie for quick hikes over to and around Rattlesnake Lake. Lisa grew up in Nebraska, and Chris grew up in Connecticut and Colorado.

Upcoming Summer Events!



KLYMER

PIKE



YEDDY



MALLORY

CLIFF



**VBS Dates—Sun.-Thurs.,
July 26th-30th
6:00-8:00PM**

**Volunteer sign-up sheet coming soon!
Contact James Mehring
Register on-line by going to:
mtsilutheran.org and click on the Everest
logo or stop by the church for a form**

PROGRESSIVE DINNER



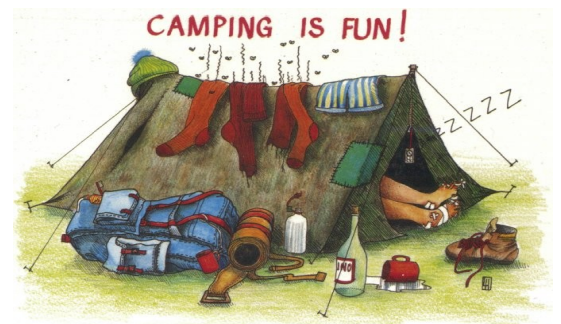
Like Drive-Thru, but not really!

Save the Date! Sat., Aug. 15th Progressive Dinner

Mt. Si Lutheran's 2015 Summer Progressive Dinner will be Sat., August 15, from 5 pm to 9:30pm. We'll start with appetizers hosted by **Steve & Shelley Huestis**, then travel to a second home for salads and entrees hosted by **Jim & Carol Reitz**, and finally to third home for dessert hosted by **John & Suzy Cassidy**. Dessert course is highlighted with entertainment by an ensemble of Mt Si High School's award-winning jazz band. You can find a map to each home in the narthex. Whether you're a family, a couple, or single, plan on joining us for a fun evening of food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex so you can tell us you're coming and, if you're willing, tell us what course you'll bring a dish for. **We hope to see you on Aug. 15th!**

Family Camping Weekend Aug. 20-23

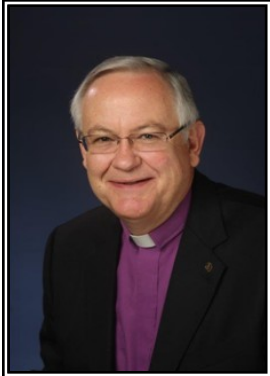
Please plan to join us at Salmon La Sac Campground on Thursday-Sunday, August 20-23. We have 2 campsites reserved for Thursday night, and 4 campsites for Friday-Saturday nights. This is a great campground 1 ¾ hours from North Bend just over the Cascades in Central WA. Put this on your calendar, and plan on a great weekend of family camping, hiking, and water play. We'll share Saturday breakfast and dinner meals plus have a Saturday Evening service. Salmon La Sac is close enough, that even if you don't camp, it will be a great day/evening trip to come over for Saturday dinner and evening service!! What?—don't have a tent? Let us know because there are certainly some spare tents and other camping gear others will be happy to share. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Bob Bartlett for questions.





The Spirit

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What Makes for Success?

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." - Mark 9:34-35 (NRSV)

It is the season for graduations. It begins so soon in today's world. Kim takes care of a little boy named Cooper who now is a proud graduate of Lord of Life Lutheran Preschool.

I asked him what graduation means and he said, "It is when you are done with one school, you get the summer off and then you go to kindergarten." So there you have it!

Graduation is stirring my memories of graduating from Inglemoor High School in 1970. I have fond memories of all the activities that topped off our Senior Year. I was elected to be the class speaker and spent hours working on my speech. The compelling line, "It is going to take a hell of a lot more than tear gas and guns to hold this generation down." We were a generation that believed that we would change the world and there would be war no more. Sad to say, we went on to be the greatest consuming generation in all of history. Like in the movie *The Big Chill*, we traded in our ideals for a place at the table of corporate America.

I was also elected by my peers as the "Boy Most Likely to Succeed." My counterpart was my classmate and dear friend Sara Forhan. Sara certainly lived into the recognition. She became a medical doctor specializing in gynecology and went on to work for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. She was a near 4.0 student so it came as no surprise.

On the other hand, I was the class clown and found my way into the principal's office on more than one occasion. I remember Mr. Siverson would simply shake his head and say, "Unti, I expect more out of you."

So, did I "succeed"? I have been deeply blessed by serving as a pastor. It is a humble honor to be able to serve the church and people of this community. I have no regrets, and yet I dare say in the eyes of many of my classmates I have not lived up to the title they gave me. I can already hear the question at the 50th Reunion: "What the hell is a bishop?" Every pastor knows how easy it is to stop the conversation when you announce what you do.

So I asked five year old Cooper, "What do you think a bishop is?" Cooper's response, "A bishop is in charge of all the pastors." (Hold onto your ideals, young Cooper!) But a call to bishop, a call to pastor, a call to be a follower of Jesus is not likely to be something that will impress my classmates.

Little does Cooper know, now that he is a big graduate, he gets to spend the rest of his life deciding what makes for success. Is it the high paying job, the nice house and the fast car, or is it something else? "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Hang in there, Cooper!

Synod Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm
Staff:
Rev Kirby Unti, Bishop
Rev Kathryn Buffum, Assistant to the Bishop
Rev Jerry Buss, Assistant to the Bishop & Director for Evangelical Mission
Rev Nancy Winder, Assistant to the Bishop
Margaret Spatafore, Synod Office Administrator
Susan Berg, Synod Relations Administrator

Stay in touch and in the know!
Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? www.lutheransnw.org/calendar
Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews?
www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe

July 2015

Mount Si Lutheran Church
Family and Youth Calendar



Schedule of Events!

Calendar Notes

-REMEMBER we have our Ministry Night on Tuesday July 14th. Meal at 6 pm, Family and Youth meeting starts at 6:30 pm.



-Look for VBS decoration work parties. We don't have any scheduled yet but they will be happening and we will appreciate help!!!



-Please join us for our annual Vacation Bible School!! Register you child online at msilutheran.org and click on the Everest logo!



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			29	30	31	
Vacation Bible School July 26th -30th 6 pm - 8 pm @Mt Si Lutheran Church						

*If you have and questions, feel free to contact me:
jamesnmehring@gmail.com
 Or
 (262) 210-7392

14
All Ministries
 meet for meal
 and Discussions
 6:00 pm

19
 James' Farewell Party



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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26 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour  	27 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	28	29	30 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study	31 (offices closed)	Aug. 1 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course
						



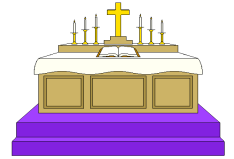
Flower Chart for the Sanctuary



DATE	NAME	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF
July 5	Peggy Halferty	
July 12	Rosemary Munson	In Honor of Faith, Family & Friends
July 19	Don & Sue Oster	In Honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
July 26	Rodriguez Family	In Honor of Natalie & Rick's birthdays



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Usher	9:00AM Only	9:00AM Only	9:00AM Only	9:00AM Only
9:00AM	Mike Hanson Mark Insland	Paul & Laura Ritzenthaler	Tom Chase Bob Bartlett	Herman Schlaht Mike Kober
10:00AM	Sunday School & Coffee Hour Fellowship			
Counters	Kay Boyle Nancy Flanagan			Kelly Luna
Communion Assistants				
9:00AM	Inge Burnside	Debbie Spurling	Rick Rodriguez	Dave Franson
Lector				
9:00AM	Tom Burnside	Sue Shardelman	Joan Guenther	Suzie Franson
9:00AM Worship Leader Music	James Mehring	Dave Spurling	James Mehring	Jack Boller Lori Murton

July Birthdays!



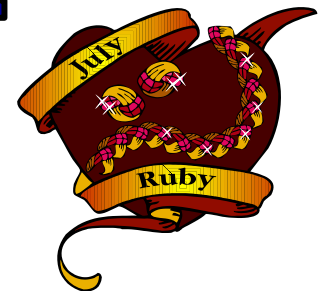
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Denise Stone	7	Jordan Wilkerson	17
Joan Guenther	9	Shelley Harding	20
Tom Burnside	10	Rosemary Koukol	20
Abby Laufer	11	Ben Luna	21
Genada Lynn	12	Ingrid Garhart	25
Grace Franson	14	Dora Huestis	25
Mason Wilkerson	16	Natalie Rodriguez	27
Doug Jones	17	Tillie Schlaht	30
Kaitlyn Lilleberg	17	Earl Wildes	31



Anniversaries!



Tom & Joanne Chase	July 1
Michael & Kay Kober	July 7
Herman & Tillie Schlaht	July 23
Don & Sue Oster	July 30



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16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour 	17 10AM Fill Backpacks 12:30PM Women's Bible Study 2PM Senior Fellowship Annual Picnic NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	18 7PM Council meeting	19	20 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study 7PM AA	21 (offices closed) 	22 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course <div style="background-color: #00A0C0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> FAMILY CAMPING AUG. 20-23 </div>	
23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship 10AM Fellowship Coffee Hour 	24 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	25	26	27 Noon ELCA Pastors' Study 7PM AA	28 (offices closed)	29 8AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Mt. Si Golf Course	
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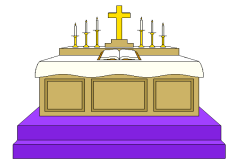


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Aug. 2		
Aug. 9		
Aug. 16		
Aug. 23		
Aug. 30	Kay Boyle	In Loving Memory of her dad, Les Stroming

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August Birthdays!

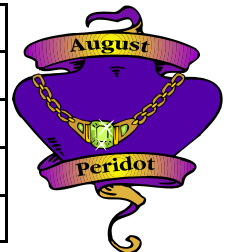



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Pat Palmer	1	Marilyn Guse	19
Rick Rodriguez	2	Beth Luna	22
Grace Culver	5	Sue Oster	25
Rosemary Hanson	5	Nick Adams	27
Erica Haycox	7	Ralph Freeman	27
Debbie Jones	10	Zack Hower	27
Paula Jones	12	Kay Kober	27
Jonathan Spurling	13	Shirley Forgey	30
Laura Ritzenthaler	16	Paul Dukich	31
Virginia Williams	17		

Anniversaries!




John & Suzy Cassidy	Aug. 3	Rodney & Cheryl Thompson	Aug. 17
Mark & Heather Griffith	Aug. 4	Jeff & Valerie King	Aug. 18
Michael & Shelly Harding	Aug. 6	Terry & Courtney Adams	Aug. 19
Dave & Debbie Spurling	Aug. 7	David & Lorraine Wilkerson	Aug. 20
Jim & Nancy Flanagan	Aug. 12	Mark & Julie Imsland	Aug. 27



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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

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule (June 7-Sept. 13)

9:00AM Worship

10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

The Rev. G. Mark Griffith—Pastor

Supply Pastor—The Rev. Larry Thomas

James Mehring—Family & Youth Ministry Director

Sheila Rodriguez—Administrative Assistant

Jack Boller—Council President

Andy Velebir and Carol Reitz—Worship & Music

Lori Murton, Abigail Grimstad & Rachel Combs—Piano

Sue Oster—Custodian

Lori Murton—Treasurer

Leslie Hatling—Financial Secretary

Church Office Hours: M-Th 9AM-12Noon & 12:30-3:30 PM (office coverage may vary)

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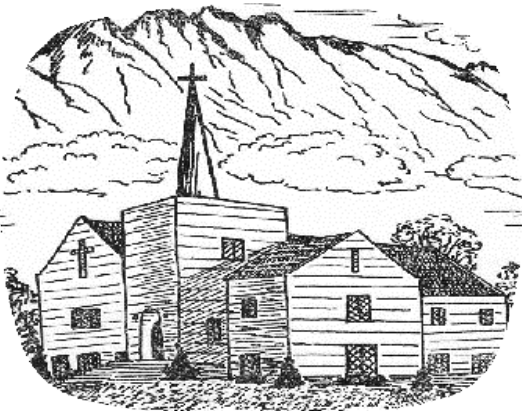


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