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## Mount Si's GOOD NEWSletter

## October 2018

## **Key Dates:**

- Oct. 14th- World Communion Sunday, Worship at SVUMC @ 10:30am
- Oct. 20th—Wine Cheese and Chocolate at the Parsonage
- Oct. 21st Retirement Party for Sheila R.
- Oct. 21st Women's gathering following second service
- Oct. 28th

  Reformation Sunday
- Oct. 28th—Harvest Carnival

#### **Worship Schedule**

8:15am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour and Education 10:45am Worship

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#### From Pastor Krista's Desk.....

I love the fall season. I love the cloudy days, the chilly mornings, the hot apple cider and squash soups. Of course there are the colors of the leaves and the swirls of clouds that also catch my eye. One thing I also love are the texts that come to us from our new lectionary and other Narrative based lectionaries. We are hearing stories from "the beginning," from the start of human story telling and human curiosity about the divine from the earliest understood interactions between people and God. They are powerful and sometimes odd stories. To me they are our oldest family stories. They are the stories of my great-great great-great-great-great-great (add about 50 more) grandparents. They were faithfully gathered, told and shared from generation to generation. I find it fitting than in our cultural calendar we find ourselves in the season of two of the biggest family events we share; Thanksgiving and Christmas. So, as we hear these family stories from Scripture I am mindful of the stories that each of our own families has to share. Many of you began to share a little about your own story at our story event in September. Those storyboards will now hang in our Sanctuary. Naturally, none of us is isolated in our story. Who we are is derived heavily from those we surround ourselves with and those families we are born into. I'm also mindful, that just as the Scripture witness tells the good family stories, it also is honest with the challenging and heartbreaking ones. In fact, no family story or family history in Scripture is EVER perfect. They are real stories about real human experience.



I hope, that as you listen to our family stories in Scripture and as you live your family story that you will remember, no matter how imperfect those stories might be, there is a God who calls you daughter and calls you son and invites into a family in which love and mercy reign. In fact, you are an intentional part of the Story God is weav-

ing together. I hope, in this fall season, as the earth around us changes and the leaves fall, that we take a moment to hold on to all that makes us who we are. I hope that, as the leaves fall, you can put down any part of you that doubts that you are worthy, welcome and wonderful in God's eyes. You matter. You are part of story so much greater than you know.

- Peace, Pastor Krista Oppie

## **COMMUNITY GATHERINGS!**

Roof Fundraising Event

"Wine, Cheese
& Chocolate
Please"

Wine, Cheese and Chocolate! Saturday, October 20th 4:00-8:00pm @ The Parsonage

\$15 per person suggested donation

(\$5 for kids)

You are invited to this low key fellowship event and open house to raise money for the roof. Wine, cheese and chocolate provided!

Blind Silent Wine auction with at least 8 bottles of wine worth at least \$20 each...



## Women's Choir

Interested in being part of a women's choir here at Mt Si?
Talk to Pastor Krista!
We are hoping to sing for the
Advent Season



## Oct. 14, 2018 @ 10:30am

Mt. Si Lutheran Church, along with Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, St. Clare's Episcopal Church, and Fall City United Methodist Church will worship together at Snoqualmie UMC at 10:30AM with a potluck to follow. Come early at 9am to help back communion bread with John Grebe who is leading us in a class for all ages

Please Note: NO Worship at Mt Si on Oct. 14th



# Combined Choir For World Communion Sunday! All voices welcome to practice for

the combined choir. Saturday Oct. 6th & 13th from 10-11a, @ Snoqualmie Valley UMC

#### Bell Choir (All Ages)

Pastor Krista was able to secure a set of bells and chimes for the congregation from a congregation in NY. They are on permanent loan to Mt Si! Jenna R. is willing to teach the choir. Get ready to ring! If you are interested please let Pastor Krista or Jenna know!



## 2018 Family Harvest Carnival October 28th 4-7pm

It's that time of year again to begin planning and preparing for the annual Harvest Carnival!

- chili cookoff
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Costume Parade
- Games
- Crafts
- Fun for the whole family! Want to help lead? Talk to John or anyone on the CYF Team

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

# God's work. Our hands.

#### THANK YOU!

Thanks to the many hands who did God's work on September 9th! More photos can be found on the Facebook page or on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. What a great day of service!







Thank you to the 20 or so people who came on Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th to complete your Story boards. If you haven't done one yet...there is still time! Pick up the materials from Pastor Krista! We want everyone to

participate. Thanks again!



## **ONGOING GATHERINGS...**

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DINNER AND FAITH: THE PARABLES 6:30-8:00PM

Starting September 19th, Ending November 7th (no class on Halloween)

This study goes through some of the most well known parables of Jesus from the perspective of its original Jewish listeners.

This will also look at the ways in which the parables have been interpreted over time.

\*This is the same study as Sunday Adult Forum

short stories by jesus



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

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast every Saturday morning @ the Mt. Si Golf Course 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

## PARISH EDUCATION



## Sunday School offering:

This year's Sunday school offering will go to Habitat for Humanity. Our theme this year is "At Home with God" where we will learn about families in the Bible and our own families. Home is where we begin to find a sense of belonging. Faith in God often begins at home and we wanted to support an organization that gives people a home. The Sunday school staff appreciates the fact that Habitat for Humanity is a global organization working locally, across the country and world. Many members from our church have worked on homes built by Habitat locally and internationally. We welcome any ideas of projects that we can do to support beyond just giving financially. Each Sunday we will collect an offering to go toward this very worthy cause. Thank you ahead of time for your support.

#### About Habitat:

Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Habitat works toward our vision by building strength, stability and self-reliance in partnership with families in need of decent and affordable housing. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.

## **Sunday School update!**

Sunday School began on September 16th – Our deep blue theme is *At Home with God*. As we learn about Jesus' own family, we also are learning about our own families and exploring how families belong in God's big story. This weekly adventure is teaching kids through family themed Bible stories, exciting animated videos, new music & worship, active games and more. Together we are learning what it's like to be disciples of Jesus and part of God's big family.

\*We are still on the lookout for someone to help us with opening music and help us with special events throughout the year! No experience necessary -If interested see Courtney Adams or Debbie Jones!

We are looking forward to a great year! Check out the schedule below:

\*Children's Sunday School 9:35-10:30 AM
\*Submerge Teen Time 9:45 Ready! 9:50 Set! 10:30 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—Dana Koukol & John Grebe Adult Education Hour—Pastor Krista/ Marlin Olson/Dan Luke Substitute teacher- Enid Gast

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

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## Council Report.....

Summer is winding down and we are moving into a very busy fall.

The personnel committee has selected a candidate to fill our Office Manager position and the council has approved. The candidate has accepted the offer and will be starting in late Sept. We welcome Ambur Brown to our staff here at Mt Si!

Our fund-raising campaign to raise money for the roofs is going well. The campaign will run through spring next year. Pledges and donations are still coming in. We have had some fund-raising events already and various fund-raising events are planned for the fall. Watch the bulletins and webpage for more information.

We will be putting together our draft budget for discussion by the council at our October meeting. We will then present a proposed budget to the council in November meeting for approval to present to the congregation. So far this year, our giving has been down by about 17% compared to the last two years. We will be developing a budget that reflects that decrease.

We will also be approving new council members at the November congregational meeting. We will need to fill at least two vacancies and could take in a total of four new members. The term is for three years with the option of extending a second three years. We meet once a month and have occasional retreats for planning and visioning discussions. If you are interested in serving on the council, contact current council members or Pastor Krista.

Our community garden is doing well and we have been providing fresh produce to the food bank.

As we move into the fall we have begun a three-step visioning process based on telling our story. We will begin with events that pastor will role out in September and then continue on into the spring. We highly encourage everyone to participate.

If you have any ideas or issues you would like to raise to the council, please contact any of the council members or Pastor Krista and we will work with you to get them to the council.

As we move ahead, be watching for opportunities to volunteer to serve in our ministries and help fulfill our mission to serve our members, our community, and the larger world.

Submitted by Jack Boller, Council President



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:** \$40,848!

THANK YOU!

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY

Fall is upon us with all of the wonderful things that come with it. We have several wonderful offerings in October. It is also a busy time for students as they return to their school year routines. I am always looking for opportunities to support our youth and families as they share their talents in music, drama, sports, dance, and other activities. If you know of any events please feel free to contact me so that I can join in celebrating their accomplishments. Also let us know if these are opportunities for members of the congregation to join in the celebration.

10/7 Youth Group and Confirmation Class combined for a fun day 12-3:30pm, more details to come! 10/14 Kids Fun day, more details to come!

## Other Events and opportunities:

This month we have an opportunity to cheer for **Tyler Koukol** and the Mt. Si High School football team at their home games on October 3, 24, and 27 @ 6pm. Let me know if you would like to join me for one of his games so we can make a Mt. Si Lutheran Church cheer section.

CYF events and policies: the committee is working to create monthly events for the various age groups. We are looking for volunteers to chaperone the events. The policy of 2 adults for all events with a 1 adult to 10 youth ratio. If you are interested in chaperoning please contact John and fill out a background check permission form.

On a personal note, for me fall is often a time of brewing! I have copious amounts of equipment and enjoy brewing a variety of things. I am hoping to rent an apple press to make cold pressed cider, hard cider, apple sauce, and apple cider vinegar. The dates for doing this are not yet established but if you are interested let me know so that I can include you in the process and apple order. If you have apples that we can come and pick from the tree that is also great. I generally use a blend of 3-5 varieties.

John Grebe, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry.

#### Welcome CYF Team!

A new CYF team is up and running to help plan events and support the educational work of the CYF ministry at Mt Si. Members of the team are

- Jenna Rhyne
- Ed Benson
- Vicki W.

Interested in serving on the team? Talk to John Grebe, CYF Director

#### **CYF Integration Task Force**

This team is working to celebrate and find new ways to fully integrate the multiple generations represented here at Mt Si. Team members include

- Jack Boller
- Marlin Olson
- Nancy Flanagan
- Deb Mach

This team is working hard to develop unique and meaningful ways to engage children, youth and adults in leadership and ministry together.

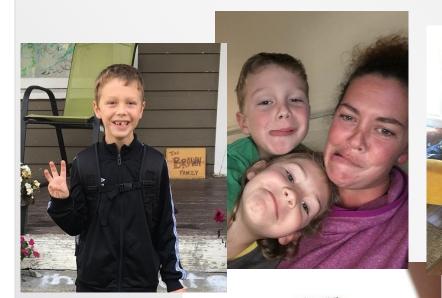
## **WELCOME AMBUR BROWN!**

Hello everyone!

I am very excited to be apart of the Mt. Si family as the Front Office Manager and look forward to getting to know each of you.

A few things to help you get to know me are that I have been a resident here in North Bend for about 13 years now. I have two amazing children which some of you may already know, Josh (8) and Parker (5). Josh is in third grade and Parker just started Kindergarten, both go to North Bend Elementary, I can not wait for you to get to know them, and they you. We live in an adorable home in the heart of North Bend where you will often see us walking with our dog Ruckus or playing out in the yard. My hobbies mainly consist of loving my family, keeping all of us entertained by discovering new places, and spending time with family and friends.

Being apart of this wonderful group at Mt. Si Lutheran is my primary employment but you may also see me at the Iron Duck a few evenings a week, so if you happen to be enjoying a tasty meal there, please don't ever hesitate to stop me and say hello.



Thank you for welcoming us into your family,

Ambur Brown

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

Stephen Lilleberg, 1
Hallie Lynn, 1
Brittney Hower, 3
Bailey Dukich, 6
Tess Huestes, 9
Pat Thomas, 9
Joan Moe, 9
Matt Rodriguez, 9
Brenda Davis, 10
Kaelynn Sampson, 10
Rosemary Munson, 12
Autumn Dukich, 13
Victoria Spurling, 13
Debbie Spurling, 14







## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SERVICE



## Personal Care Kits! October 21st

We are going to prepare personal care kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. The kits are sent out nationally and worldwide when disasters strike. The kits contain a light weight bath towel, soap, toothbrush, sturdy comb, and a nail clipper. Please donate these items or funds to purchase them. There will be a box and a donation jar in the narthex and a basket in the fellowship hall. We will plan to put the kits together on Oct 21st after the 10:45 service. Any questions, contact **Janey Benson** – **425 831-6896**. Thanks for your support!

#### Items needed

- One light-weight bath size towel (between 20'x40'& 52'x27'.
- Dark color recommended
- —One adult-size toothbrush in its original package
- —One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging
- —Two bath-size bars (4-5oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapper
- —One sturdy comb, remove packaging



## Northwest Washington Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



October 2018
"Come, Lord Jesus"
NW WA Synod

The Unti family continues to meet at least once a week for a family meal. It is the rare occasion when we are not all in attendance. The meal always begins with the prayer, "Come,

Lord Jesus." We know not to move a fork until the prayer has been shared. I must confess that we do not always do the prayer with the reverence that it deserves -but we always do the prayer. It would be so easy, and maybe even more pleasant, if we suspended this practice -but the truth is it is nonnegotiable. Not because of guilt or shame. Not because of our personal piety. The prayer is essential because it helps us as a family to know our rightful place in the world. We are, as Luther might say, beggars. We are dependent upon God. God is the provider. We are the grateful receivers. Many of you know that Kim finds great delight in preparing meals. It is not only about the culinary challenge -it is about the gift that comes in gathering people around the meal. Kim knows how to turn a meal into an entire evening. Kim is also the first to sign up to provide meals for others whether it is a friend recovering from surgery or helping at any one of several feeding programs. We often prepare and serve these meals as a family. Our household has been shaped by meals because we have been shaped by the Biblical narrative. Meals

play such a critical role in the story of God's people whether it is the cry for manna in the wilderness or breaking bread at home with Zacchaeus. Not to mention how central the meals of Passover and The Eucharist are. Meals are how God is known, faith is formed, forgiveness is experienced and remembrance of what matters most happens. Meals are also what the ELCA is about. We not only gather often as the people of God around meal but we believe deep in our bones the importance of seeing that all people have access to the means of providing and receiving meal. We call this expression of the ELCA World Hunger. "Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas, and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty." (ELCA Website: www.elca.org/Our-Work/ Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger) Our Synod Hunger Team is ready for some new members to lead us in our local efforts. If you are interested in helping to shape this group, please contact the synod office. Below are some Hunger Facts for you to consider.

COME, LORD JESUS! - Bishop Kirby Unti

## The Flip Side: ELCA Hunger

#### **Hunger Facts**

- 815 million people around the world that's more than 1 in 10 can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives. [Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, 2017]
- According to the most recent estimates, **766.6 million people live in extreme poverty** on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10.7% of the world's population. [The World Bank, 2015]
- At some point in 2016 (the most recent year available), more than 41.2 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from. [USDA, 2017]
- 40.6 million Americans were living in poverty in 2016. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$24,563. [US Census Bureau, 2017]

## **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 and 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!

#### Flower Chart

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.

## **Worship Assistants For October**

	LECTOR	USHER	COMM. ASST.	ACOLYTE	CANTOR
Oct 7th, 8:15	Bill Gast	Tom C/Mike K.	Joanne Chase	Kelsey H.	
Oct 7th, 10:45		Bensons	Suzy Cassidy	Needed	NA
Oct. 21st 8:15	Marlin O.	/Bill G.	Jeff Mach	Addison W.	
Oct. 21st 10:45	Ed Benson	Mark I/	Vicki W.	Molly D.	NA
Oct. 28th, 8:15	Dana K.	Koukol Family	Marlin Olson	Addison H.	
Oct. 28th, 10:45	Kathy G.	Suzy C/David V	Janey Benson	Toren/Kaiya	NA

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!

	Oct. 7th	Oct 21	Oct 28th
Counters	Ed B/Dan L	Erica/	Debbie S/Nancy F.



## OCTOBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Fri	Sat	
	1 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	2 8:30AM-4PM Homeschool Group 9:30AM Quilters	3 6:30-8PM Dinner and Faith	Fellowsh Golf Cou 11:30ar Lunch	m Birthday G.S. Troop	5	6 8AM Men's Breakfast Bit Study @ Mt. Golf Course	
7 8:15AM Worship 9:30-10:30AM Education & Fellow- ship Hour 10:45AM WorShip 12-3:30 Youth group event	8 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	9 8:30AM-4PM Homeschool Group 9:30AM Quilters 7pm Council	10 6:30-8PM Dinner and Faith	9:30AM Needle Art/ Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 6-8PM AA		12	13 8AM Men's Breakfast Bit Study @ Mt. Golf Course	
World Communion Sunday Worship— 10:30am @ Snoqualmie Valley UMC NO Worship at Mt Si	15 12:30PM Women's Bible Study	16 8:30AM-4PM Homeschool Group 9:30AM Quilters 7pm Parish Ed.	17 6:30-8PM Dinner and Faith	18 9:30AM Needle Art/ Fellowship at Mt. Si Golf Course 4-5:30pm G.S. Troop 6-8PM AA		19	20 8AM Men's Breakfast Bibli Study @ Mt. S Golf Course 4-8pm Wine, Cheese, Chool late @ Parson	6i 80-
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October Meeting Schedule
Confirmation/Youth Group
Activity
October 7th, 12-3:30
We will meet again on
October 21st at 4pm

See you there!





## 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!