



Mt Si Lutheran - October 2020

Mini GOOD NEWSletter

Grace and peace to you—

The crisp morning air is a welcome fall greeting. It is one of the many things I am thankful for these days. I noticed not that long ago that I was focusing most of my energy on what was missing or what was wrong or all the changes and what I missed...and, to be fair, we need to acknowledge those feelings inside our hearts. It is also important to focus our energy on the abundant blessings our Lord is still pouring out over us. In the midst of all that is going on in our world we have each experienced radical change and it can be easy to lose sight of the truth that God has not changed. God's love for us has not changed, God's presence with us has not changed, God's forgiveness, mercy and grace have not changed... In fact, I trust that Spirit is bringing moments of grace and peace to each of you, each and every day...Noticing these moments in the midst of the chaos around us is not always easy. I pray you each can find a moment in your day to take a deep breath and center your thoughts on what you are truly thankful for in that moment. Notice how God is present, how Jesus' promises give you sure footing, how the Spirit is holding you up. You are not alone. You are never alone. Perhaps taking a moment to remind yourself of all your blessings will bring a smile to your lips. Dear siblings in Christ, you are precious and holy and beloved of God. Peace, P. K.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! October Birthdays:

Brenda Davis	Oct.2nd
Bailey Dukich	Oct. 6th
Joan Moe	Oct. 9th
Pat Thomas	Oct. 9th
Rosemary Munson	Oct. 12th
Autumn Dukich	Oct. 13th
Victoria Spurling	Oct. 13th
Debbie Spurling	Oct. 14th
Riley Buckmaster	Oct. 20th
Courtney Adams	Oct. 23rd
Joyce Ayers	Oct. 29th



October Anniversaries:

Darrell and Pam Willson Oct.10th

Sunday Worship for October

10am On-line—See website for link to FB or YouTube

Adult Study via Zoom prior to Worship—Ask Pastor for the link!

Scripture for October

October 4th—Is. 5:1-7; Matt. 21:33-46

October 11th—Matt. 22:1-14

October 18th—Matt. 22:15-20

*October 25th—Jn. 8:31-36

*Reformation Sunday!!! Wear Red to celebrate!



COFFEE HOUR Oct. 11th and 25th

Office Update The office is open to receive calls

Monday-Thursday 10am-12pm.

However, the office will not be open for drop-in visits. Please continue to call and email for best communication. Thank you!

Council Report

Greetings from the council. We hope you are all staying well. I know that due to multiple things going on around us, many people are feeling overwhelmed and depressed. If you are having these feelings I encourage you to read the article in the September 16 "News From the Pews" on resilience. It was written by Rick Rodriguez. I believe it sends a very strong message that God is with us through good times and bad. We need to trust in the Lord and we will get through these trying times. Focus on enjoying the little things in life.

As we move into fall we are still in Phase 2 of the reopening process laid out by the governor and supported by the synod. We are making plans for virtual services and meetings in the foreseeable future. However, we are planning to hold a drive through communion opportunity on October 4th from 11:30-12:30pm. We are also held a God's Work, Our Hands event outdoors at the church with provisions for social distancing.

Our plans for virtual Christian education sessions are ready to roll out on October 4. It will consist of crafts, games and bible lessons that can be accessed by computer any time. We are also beginning plans to develop a mentoring program. There will be more on this as it develops. See the CYF report or contact John Grebe for more details.

In October we are planning to modify our usual Harvest Carnival and focus on the "Trunk or Treat" activity that has been part of the carnival the last few years. It will be held late in October. More details will be issued once the planning is complete.

The mosaics that members of our congregation created have been applied to our front steps. They look great and dress up the front of the church.

Our garden is starting to wind down. We are still taking vegetables to the food bank each week. Thus far we have donated over 400 pounds of fresh vegetables to them.

As we move into the future the council has initiated a mission discernment process. As part of this process you should have received a letter from Pastor Krista with a list of 26 Bible passages. The letter requests that you read the passages and pick 5 that you think best relate to our mission. If you have not done so already, please do so and send your top 5 stories to Pastor Krista. We will be using this input to guide us as we assess our spiritual gifts and how we can best use them to plan activities that best carry out our mission.

The council and staff are still trying to maintain contact with everyone. If you need anything, please contact Pastor Krista, John Grebe or the council executive team of Jack Boller, Rick Rodriguez or Terry Adams.

Be safe, stay well, and keep the faith. We are looking forward to when we can be together in person again. We wish blessings on you all.

Jack Boller

Parish Ed. and CYF goes virtual!

The Parish Ed and CYF Team is working to create opportunities to learn more about the bible, our faith, and God's love for us. We are praying for this congregation to continuously grow in our knowledge and wisdom. These opportunities provide for us a path towards growth in how we are an inclusive community. We look at our ministry through the lens of Word and Service. We encourage experiential and transformational learning for all of you who are connected to our community.

October 4th is our opening day of parish education for the 20-21 school year. We will be providing 2 craft projects per month along with weekly materials to explore the weekly lessons used in worship. In addition, there will be videos produced by volunteers to provide object lessons and drama to help with the lessons. Since we are planning on having a drive thru communion on that day you will also be able to pick up supplies for Craft projects and lessons for the month of October. Directions will be included in the packets.

October 4 Family Pumpkins: we will be offering a family activity of thankfulness. Each will be given a pumpkin to use at home. Every day in October we ask that you write one thing you are thankful for on the pumpkin with the pen provided. At the end, when your pumpkin is full, please take a photo and send it to cyf@mtsilutheran.org.

Kid's Club will be redesigned to meet the desires and needs of the families. There are conversations and surveys that will help with the process of determining what our virtual meetings will be like. We acknowledge the burden of virtually school and know that the changes are difficult, so we are taking a cautious approach to assure support for families.

October 30 Trunk or Treat: This year we will not be able to have our traditional Harvest Carnival, but we will be hosting a community Trunk or Treat on Friday from 5-6pm. There will be lots of fun decorated cars. We are looking for donations for Trunk or Treat, we want this to be for the community as well as the congregation. Please contact John Grebe if you are willing to make a donation of candy or prizes. Watch for future info through constant contact on how to join in the fun and to sign up!

As the CYF Director I feel blessed to be able to work with this team. There are many ways you can volunteer and get involved. Please feel free to reach out to John Grebe at (360) 920-5876 or by email at cyf@mtsilutheran.org.

Mt. Si Lutheran Church Presents
2020 Family Trunk or Treat

EVERYONE WELCOME!

FREE

Trunk or Treating and Outdoor games in the parking lot!
 Costumes are encouraged

Your Safety is important to us. Please wear a mask. Our volunteers will observe social distancing and proper cleaning and PPE recommendations

Please bring a non-perishable food item for Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

www.mtsilutheran.org

October 30 / 5-6 PM @ 411 NE 8th St., North Bend

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

In the month of November, MSLC and SHLC will partner in our worship to focus on Celebrating Stewards. You Will be hearing

from our Stewardship Team with resources for prayer, devotion, reflection and ways to negate this Stewardship focus. Look for mailing with more information in the next few weeks.



Sunday Themes for November

November 1st - All Saints Sunday—'People we care for'

November 8th—'The World We Care For'

November 15th—'Caring for the Gospel'

November 22nd—Christ the King Sunday—'God Cares for Us'

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Mt Si Lutheran. The council and Finance team are currently working to create a budget for 2021. Details to come!



October 4th

11:30-12:30pm

@ MSLC Parking Lot

Pastor will distribute communion to each car and offer a prayer and blessings.

If you cannot make it, there will be at-home communion celebrated during our online worship at 10am, and peace to each of you!

INSTRUCTIONS for DRIVE-THRU Communion

Please stay in your car. Communion will be brought to you! Please arrive at the church via Ogle Ave NE and turn RIGHT on 8th. This puts you right in front of the sanctuary. Pull up onto the gravel parking lot in front of the Sanctuary—please don't pull into a spot, just pull forward and remain parallel to the sanctuary. You will be served communion and then brought your thankfulness pumpkin. If you have Sunday School age children you will also receive your Sunday School craft kit bag. Then pull forward and exit onto 8th Ave.

This will allow to keep a continues flow of cars and minimize disruption to regular traffic in the area. This is an experiment so please be patient as we figure out the best way to do this!
THANK YOU!! It will be so lovely to see you all!!!

Mamma's Hands
23rd Annual Auction
A Virtual Event
Saturday, October 17th
at 7:00pm



GWOH 2020

This has definitely been an interesting year but it did not stop the heart and soul of this congregation.

God's Work Our Hands was a joyful and meaningful event! We learned more about the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, Love



Snoqualmie Valley, Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. We made cards for veterans, created quilting blocks to send overseas

We collected items for care kits to be sent to those in need. We learned about clean water concerns and how to be involved in vari-



ous ministries that seek to encourage and lift up children and youth in places of poverty.

THANK YOU to all who made this day possible!!

Jeff and Cathy Yocom



We send our blessings to Jeff and Cathy as they prepare to move away from North Bend. We will miss you and thank you for all your service to Mt Si in your time here as members. Peace to you!

WORSHIP UPDATE

I wanted to take a moment to share how online worship has been impacting people far beyond SHLC and MSLC. Each week we receive a report sharing how



many people have viewed worship...what we are learning is that at least 200 devices watch worship each Sunday on Facebook alone, which equates to around 400+ ppl. We can tell that folks from around the country are watching and outside the US. The metrics don't tell us everything, but I wanted you all to know that, although we long to be back in person, this offering of online worship is allowing the Gospel to be shared far beyond our walls and that is something to give thanks for.

Sung, the music minister of SHLC shares this additional news, "Since our online worship services and music began to appear on YouTube, we are receiving inquiries about our virtual music from churches around the world almost every week. Some churches are using our church's virtual music for their worship, and some churches have technical inquiries about it. As we are all in this together, I am grateful that our efforts can now help other faith communities as well."

I have also been asked if we can have more praise music in worship. The main reason most Sunday's only offer one praise piece is the amount of hrs. it takes to create these music offerings. We are so thankful for all the time Sung puts in to worship and it was the agreement of pastoral leaders and Sung to be mindful that we don't overwork such a faithful leader. That said, if you ever have music suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me know! I will pass it along to Sung. Peace, P. K.