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Mount Si Lutheran Church

To Serve
To Reach Out
To Grow In Grace

GOODNEWSletter

JUNE 2026



Pastor's Note...

God dreams a dream of abundance
Where the broken are whole and free
Where all have enough and all are enough
Where you can be you and I can be me

Oh put down all the shame
That world has given us to carry
At the cross, love made plain
we belong, we have a family

We hear the lies easy and often
That we'll never be quite enough
but thr truth is our fremdom,
our hope, our future
We are created and called,
broken and loved.

Oh put down all the shame
That world has given us to carry
At the cross, love made plain
we belong, we have a family

Lord given us the courage to follow
Remind us that we are all calimed
You've set us a place at your family table
Give us your grace and take all our shame

Oh put down all the shame
That world has given us to carry
At the cross, love made plain
we belong, we have a family
- Bryan Odeen

The words to the right are song lyrics written by Pastor Bryan Odeen for May Youth Weekend at Camp Lutherwood where over 65 Highschool youth gathered for a retreat. It didn't take long for all of us at the camp to begin singing this song with confidence as we studied John 10 and talked about the lies shame tells us, the power of vulnerability and Jesus' truth that we are free through his death and resurrection. We learned the difference between shame and guilt. Guilt being what we feel when we've done something wrong and reconciliation needs to take place vs. shame - the felling that we are not enough, there is something intrinsically wrong with us or that we are unloveable. Whereas guilt can draw us to repentance and reconciliation, shame tells us lies about ourself. There is a voice, from Jesus, that is more powerful than shame. It tells the truth of who we are: We are claimed as daughters and sons in the waters of baptism - We are called friends of Jesus - We are called clothed with Christ - reconciled and forgiven - We are called "beloved Child of God." This is the truth. We can put down our shame - the robber that only comes to steal and destroy and claim the abundant life Jesus wants for us (John 10:10). This is a glimpse of what we learned. May it be a blessing to you. Peace, P. K.

In this newsletter you will find:

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In June

Additional June &
Summer Events

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& Weekday
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Opportunities

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and Anniversaries

Letter From
The Bishop

Special Events in May & June



Farmers Market begins June 4!

Please consider signing up to help at our free craft booth each Thursday at Si View Park during the Farmers Market. Ask Pastor or Jack for details.



Grad Sunday! May 31st

On Sunday, May 31st we honor Addison (Addy) Harding as she graduates from High School.

Addy will be heading to Central Washington University to study teaching.

Our prayers are with you, Addy!



Garden Blessing & Sundae Sunday!

After worship on June 14th we will head to the Garden of Giving to offer a blessing for a fruitful season. Then, come back over to the fellowship hall for ice cream sundaes as we celebrate the end of the school year.



Lantern Hill Mission Trip - June 25-July 1

Pray for our mission team as they get ready to serve in Ensenada Mexico. Thanks to your generosity during the Easter Breakfast, we are fully funded! Thank you!!!



Vacation Bible Camp! July 13-17

It is almost time for VBS or VBC as we're beginning to call it. This year we will focus on bread stories and the power of storytelling as we center on the Bible, play, worship and fellowship together.



July Worship Series At the Table

As we prepare for the start of VBC this summer, we will hear the stories that the children will be learning about in the weeks leading up to VBC on Sunday morning. Come to the Table to learn all that God is up to!

Additional Event Information

MAY YOUTH WEEKEND

We had a wonderful time at May Youth Weekend up at Camp Lutherwood over Memorial Day Weekend.



Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! 800-324-9458 and use code: HABC001



Lifeline Screening
Wednesday, June 3,
9am-5pm in the
Fellowship Hall

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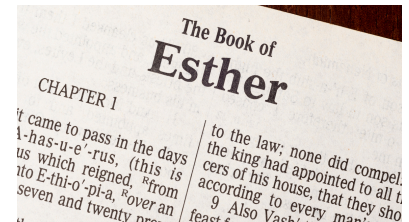
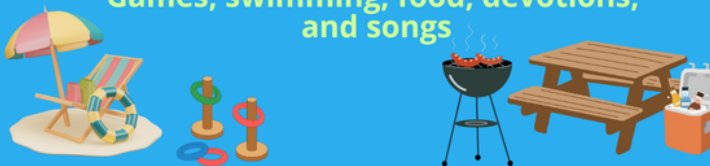
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**SAVE THE DATE!
FALL YOUTH RETREAT!
NOV. 6-7-8
BLACK DIAMOND CAMP**

Save the Date! Save the Date!
Beach Church

Wednesday, August 5, 12, & 19
6:00pm-7:30pm at Lake Sammamish
Games, swimming, food, devotions,
and songs



**Esther Bible Study
Wednesdays**

Starting April 22nd - come learn more about the book of Esther during this 8 week Bible Study. Meet in the multi-purpose room from 6-7:30. See sign-ups in the Fellowship Hall or talk with Courtney A. Why Esther? Because it reminds us that God places us "for a time such as this."

VBS - AT THE TABLE

Register Now for VBS!
July 13-17
9-12pm

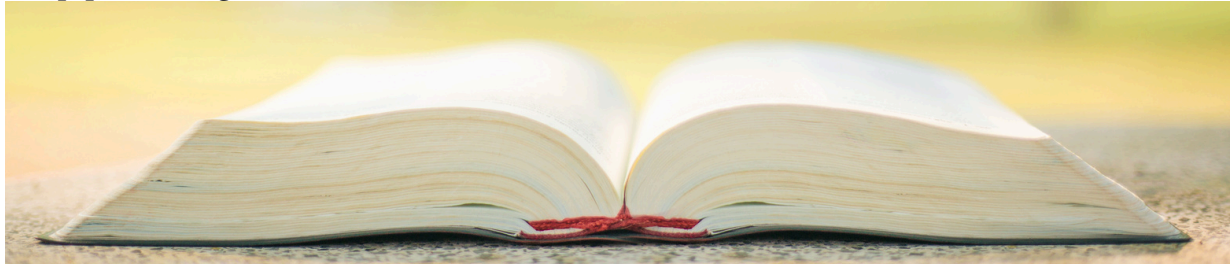
Come learn about telling God's Story and share in the making and eating of bread from around the world!

www.elfpnw.org/events

VBS 2026
At the Table
Mt. Si Lutheran Church
July 13-17, 9-12pm
Scan to Register



Supporting one another in faith.....



Sunday Readings & Weekday Education Opportunities

JUNE SUNDAY LESSONS

June 7 - Third Sunday of Pentecost

First Lesson: Psalm 50:7-15
Gospel Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

June 14 - Genesis to Revelation God's Story

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

June 21 - Where do we fit in God's Story?

Sermon Text: Genesis 18:1-15

June 28 - What is Our Faith Community's Story?

Sermon Text: Acts 2:42-47

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN JUNE

Men's Bible Study - Saturdays, 9am @ Little Si Restaurant.

Women's Bible Study - Mondays starting at 12:30pm. We are currently studying the book of Acts. Talk to Sue Oster for details

Sunday after Worship - Beginning on June 21st we will dive into the VBC lessons on Storytelling.

Esther Bible Study - begins April 22, Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:30pm in the multi-purpose room. Talk to Courtney Adams for details.

Darlene Lockwood 2nd

Inge Burnside 9th

Paige Lee 10th

John Haycox 15th

Emma Imsland 20th

Julie Imsland 25th

Susan Schuba 30th

Megan Stone 30th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY Anniversary!

Joe & Denise Stone 14th

Please contact the office if a birthday or anniversary is missing from the Newsletter.

We would love to include everyone. Thank you!



Bishop's Letter

June 2026

What is the Bible? Some say the Bible is a book that dropped down from heaven completely written. Some say the Bible is nothing but a bunch of stories from long ago that don't matter. Neither of these are accurate. Instead, what we as Lutherans believe, is that the Bible is a sacred and holy book because through its 66 books – the stories, poems, history, laments, letters, and more – the Bible points us toward Jesus. Jesus, the One who reveals God's grace, mercy, justice, and love for the world.

As Lutherans, we understand that the center of the Bible is always Jesus. Martin Luther famously said that when we read scripture, we should ask, "Does it show Christ?" In other words, does this verse or passage reveal God made known in Jesus? Does it move us toward peace, wholeness, reconciliation, forgiveness, and love? Or is it being twisted to justify oppression, cruelty, and exclusion? Luther believed that faithful people do not simply quote isolated verses. We are to wrestle with scripture honestly and faithfully always through the lens of Jesus.

Luther also insisted that scripture must interpret scripture. No single verse stands alone. Every verse and passage and book is meant to be in conversation with the broader arc of scripture – with the prophets, the gospels, the letters, and, especially, with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This means we read the Bible seriously, but not literally. We pay attention to context, history, genre, and the larger witness of God's love. When a verse seems to pull us toward harm or violence, we are called to read the passage again, asking whether the interpretation is consistent with God as revealed in Jesus.

I chose to write on how to read the Bible because, quite frankly, what the bible is and biblical interpretation matters deeply right now. I see scripture being selectively quoted by people in power to dehumanize and scapegoat vulnerable communities, glorify wealth and power, and distort sacred texts into slogans. Verses are being lifted out of context while the broader witness of Jesus' life is ignored.

Earlier this year, I watched a recruitment video for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that opened with helicopters flying overhead and the words from Matthew 5:9 on the screen: Blessed are the peacemakers. What followed were images of heavily armed men in tactical gear carrying weapons, breaking down doors, and carrying out violent raids against immigrants. I could not help but notice how far this imagery stands from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, the very place from which that verse is taken.

On the eve of the 250th anniversary of this country, I pray that we would reject the misuse of scripture and instead read scripture faithfully so that we might follow Jesus more closely. I pray that we would acknowledge our own complicity, resist the temptation towards power or fear, care for those who are vulnerable, and stand up and speak out truthfully and prophetically.

Let us return to the prophets who call for justice and care for the poor. Let us return to the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus blesses the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers. Let us return to the cross, where God rejected violence and domination as the final word. Let us rejoice in the resurrection, where hope, mercy, and love rise again even in the midst of fear and despair. Let us read scripture faithfully and let us follow Jesus.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org



MAY PRAYER RETREAT

DAY OF SERVICE

GARDEN OF GIVING

Summer Evening Worship

5:00 PM

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

SAVE THE DATE!

July 5th
August 2nd
September 6th

Each of these Sundays we will have our regular order of worship with hymns, liturgy, sermon, and Holy Communion at 5:00 PM.

(No 10:00 AM worship those days).



Flower Chart Sign-ups

Please consider signing up to bring flowers for our altar on Sunday morning.

This can be in honor or memory of a loved one or event in your life or just because you enjoy flowers!

The flower chart is in the Fellowship Hall hallway. Thank you for your offering!

