

The Carillion

December 2017

Letter from Church Council

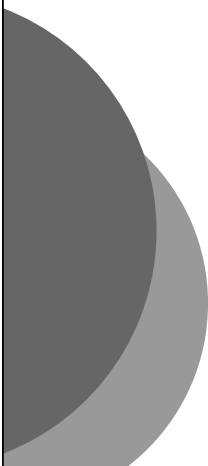
Dear Church,

In light of the sad shootings that have gone on around this country we as the council decided to review the idea of locking the doors in the fellowship hall downstairs during worship. Pastor Michelle has had some people talk to her about being concerned about the building security during worship. As council we feel we must take our responsibility of keeping people safe seriously, especially if others feel concerned. In addition, this past decade there have been a few times during worship when people have come in and taken things who were not coming to worship with us. We know this is a sad reality that our world and community has changed and we are grieving with you on this, but let's work to be a safe and welcoming community of faith for all.

For right now council has decided that the doors downstairs will be locked starting at 10 minutes after 10AM. This is 10 minutes into worship. The main entry wood doors will remain open during the entire time of worship, because those can be monitored by ushers. If you come late to worship on Sunday, please use the wood doors. If you are late to worship and need to use the elevator we already have a key made for you that can be check out from the church office that you may keep. You may key yourself in and we ask you lock it behind you. We will have signs up on the doors stating to use the main wood doors on Sunday if you are late.

Some things to note from Pastor Michelle: Studies show that visitors to church typically show up 10-15 minutes before worship time, therefore this will not affect them. In addition, the majority of visitors come through our big wooden doors. Also Pastor Michelle has asked other churches locally in Hoquiam/Aberdeen, our synod, and nationally what they are doing. They are monitoring their doors and locking all side doors during worship and have one main entrance. The majority of the ones she talked to have been practicing these procedures for awhile.

We are grieved we have to make this decision. If you would like to help with locking up at the beginning of worship please contact Pastor Michelle. If you have any concerns or questions about this please feel free to email or call one of the council members. Peace, The Church Council



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Christmas Eve Worship Times (Sunday 12/24)

10 AM– Traditional Family Service

6PM– Candlelight Service

Christmas for Kids Salvation Army Program

Tuesday, December 19th from 3:30-9PM @ Saron

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! Every year the Salvation Army distributes boxes of Christmas gifts to families in need. This is something that for years 1st Presbyterian hosted and now for the second year in a row it will be a joint effort now as one church. Outreach Team sees this as a great opportunity to help our community so sign up to help out! We are planning this year to have a wrapping station for families again, a table with hygiene kits/coats that people can take, and also a table with cocoa and cookies for the families to have. We want this to be a joyful occasion for the guardians/parents. The distribution hours on Tuesday are from 4:30-8:30pm. We will need people to help in 2 hour intervals— if you only got an hour, please come help. We need you!

We also need donations of:

Wrapping paper—Scotch Tape—Scissors and Ribbons. Also if we need 6 dozen cookies (store bought or homemade).



Sign up by contacting the church office or on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent Calendar Food Drive— A Can A Day!

Outreach Team is collecting food during Advent. Everyone bring a non-perishable item for every day of Advent and put it in the big decorated box in the fellowship hall. We are hoping to fill this to overflowing. You can bring it in one can at a time or all at once. All the food, at the end of Advent, will be used in Christmas baskets for families and to the local food bank.

December Birthdays

12/1—Jody Wayman
 12/4—Becky Root
 12/13—Kramer Klein
 12/17—Pat Morgan
 12/17—Ron Bacon
 12/18—Bill Mayne
 12/24—Tony Enzler
 12/25—Joshua Gaddis
 12/26—Kathe Smith
 12/26—Leona Anderson
 12/31—Kristi Earley
 12/31—Seth Gaddis

Fall Office Hours**Mondays****12:00PM-3:00PM****Tuesdays****9:00AM-12:00PM****Wednesdays****8:00AM-2:00PM**

If you want to meet with
 Pastor any other time please con-
 tact office to make an
 appointment. Call Pastor at home
 24/7 if there is an emergency .
 Phone number is 360-637-9766.

Martha's Circle

Our meeting is December 7th at 12PM. This is our potluck, so bring a hot dish or salad. Our hostesses are Linda Borth & Donna Pelan who will be serving the dessert. Mark your calendars and hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please call the office or
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President

New Membership Celebration this January
Sign up in the Fellowship Hall
Interested in joining the church and
becoming a member? What does it mean to
be a member? If you have joined Saron/1st
in the last year or are wanting to join or
transfer your membership in 2018 then sign
on up! It will be a great meeting with a
wonderful meal.

Next council meeting is December 11 at 6:30
pm at Carole Sandstrom's house.
Any questions? Feel free to call the office at
360-532-4611.

Readings for December

- Friday, December 1, 2017: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
- Saturday, December 2, 2017: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31
- Sunday, December 3, 2017: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- Monday, December 4, 2017: Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017: Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017: Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38
- Thursday, December 7, 2017: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
- Friday, December 8, 2017: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26
- Saturday, December 9, 2017: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33
- Sunday, December 10, 2017: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
- Monday, December 11, 2017: Psalm 27; Isaiah 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017: Psalm 27; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18
- Wednesday, December 13, 2017: Psalm 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17
- Thursday, December 14, 2017: Psalm 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11
- Friday, December 15, 2017: Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16
- Saturday, December 16, 2017: Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matthew 21:28-32
- Sunday, December 17, 2017: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
- Monday, December 18, 2017: Psalm 125; 1 Kings 18:1-18; Ephesians 6:10-17
- Tuesday, December 19, 2017: Psalm 125; 2 Kings 2:9-22; Acts 3:17-4:4
- Wednesday, December 20, 2017: Psalm 125; Malachi 3:16-4:6; Mark 9:9-13
- Thursday, December 21, 2017: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-4
- Friday, December 22, 2017: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:12-19; Hebrews 1:5-14
- Saturday, December 23, 2017: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Judges 13:2-24; John 7:40-52
- Sunday, December 24, 2017: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, December 24 & 25, 2017: Nativity of the Lord - Proper I
- Sunday, December 24 & 25, 2017: Nativity of the Lord - Proper II
- Sunday, December 24 & 25, 2017: Nativity of the Lord - Proper III
- Tuesday, December 26, 2017: Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8
- Wednesday, December 27, 2017: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12
- Thursday, December 28, 2017: Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14
- Friday, December 29, 2017: Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44
- Saturday, December 30, 2017: Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Sunday, December 31, 2017: First Sunday after Christmas Day

**Women's Bible Study Party
 Sunday, December 3 5-7PM
 At Sue Swantek's Home
 All are Welcome!**

Sue Swantek hosting it at her home and there will be a meal— bring something to share if you can. The topic will be the Gospel of John this year. Please call the church office for more information.

**Worship Celebration and Holiday Dinner
 Sunday, December 3rd at 10AM**

Worship on Sunday, December 3rd will be our celebration worship of officially coming together as one church. Representatives from both the synod and presbytery will be with us to celebrate. After worship will be the annual Holiday Dinner. Table hosts and attendees don't forget to sign up in the fellowship hall. This is a potluck so please bring salads and desserts to share!

October Church Finances

October Total Income: \$8,374.54

October Total Expenses: \$7,385.20

This results in a balance: \$989.34

date	offering income	attendance
10/2	\$275	N/A
10/9	\$1,098	64
10/15	\$563	34
10/22	\$1159	55
10/29	\$1548	80
10/30	\$1,205	N/A
	\$5,848.00	offering

"All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." -John 1:3-5

December 2017

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					1	2 10 AM Church Christmas Decorating
3 10:00 AM Worship Holiday Meal Women's Bible Party @ 5PM	4	5	6 10 AM Coffee 12 PM Advent Study Relay Sale @ HD 7PM –Theology on Tape 7PM Choir	7 12PM Martha's Circle	8	9
10 10:00 AM—Worship	11 Council 6:30PM	12 BloodWorks 8-3PM Ornament Exchange 6-8PM	13 10 AM Coffee Hour 12 PM Advent Study 1-7 PM Outreach 7 PM Choir	14 Youth Group Christmas Party 5-9PM	15	16
17 10:00 AM—Worship	18 Union Gospel Mission Dinner— food @ church by 4pm	19 Christmas Kids Salvation Army 3:30-9PM	20 10 AM Coffee Hour 12 PM Advent Study	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Worship Times 10 AM— Trad. Family Service 6PM— Candle-light Service	25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 10 AM Coffee Hour	28	29	30
31 10:00 AM—Worship	Pastor Michelle Gone on Vacation					
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Assisting Ministers Schedule

	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24	Dec 31
Lector	Katri Pelan	Linda Borth	John Sullivan	Dave Smith	Jan Rosi
Prayers	Kari H	Cathy Kallio	Marilynn A.	Linda Borth	Becky Root
Altar Guild	JoAnn Ray	Sue Swantek	Jody Wayman	Lois Carrol	Cathy Kallio
Communion	John Larson & Jan Rosi	Jan Rosi & John Sullivan	Tony & Dryden Enzler	Cathy Kallio & Sharal W.	Jody Wayman & John S.
Usher	James Ray & Cathy Kallio	Mark Johnson & Tim Pelan	Barbara F. & Seppo T.	Seppo T. & Al Bruun	Cathy Kallio & Knut Totland
Greeter	Sue Swantek	Cathy Kallio	Gretchen Klein	Marcia Smith	Barbara F.
Coffee Hour	Holiday Dinner		R & J Bacon & Pat Morgan		Cathy Kallio & Sharal W.
Flowers	Del & Donna Pelan	Marilyn S for Tom Sequin		Kim Homchick	

	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
Lector	Cathy Kallio	Marilynn A	Dale Larson	Linda Borth
Prayers	Becky Root	John Sullivan	Cathy Kallio	Jan Rosi
Altar Guild				
Communion	Sharal W. & Jody Wayman	John Larson & Dale Larson	John Sullivan & Jan Rosi	John Rhodes & Becky Root
Usher	James Ray & Mark Johnson	Dan Varland & Barbara Fairchild	Knut Totland & Tim Pelan	Barbara Fairchild & Cathy Kallio
Greeter	Marcia Smith	Sarah Leigh S.	Gretchen Klein	Ingrid Larson
Coffee Hour				
Flowers				

Christmas Meal Baskets

There is a sign up sheet downstairs on the bulletin board. Please, feel free to sign your name for what you would like to donate. Thank you very much for providing for those families that probably would not have had a Christmas dinner. **All items must be dropped off by December 20th.**



Hygiene Kits and Winter Items

We are still collecting items for hygiene kits to be handed out to our homeless brothers and sisters right here in Grays Harbor. See list in church bulletin.

Don't forget to sign up to bring food for the Union Gospel Mission Dinner this month. Our night is December 18– we ask the food be at Saron by 4pm that day.

Come Help Out! Invite Your Neighbors!

**Family Outreach Night
2nd Wednesday of the
Month– December 13th
After School Program (Snack
starting at 2PM) and Free
Dinner (starting at 5:30PM)**

Saron Lutheran—Relay for Life

It's our annual Relay for Life Sale at Harbor Drug. December 6th, 6:00-8:00. All gifts will be 25% off at Harbor Drug & Gifts. We have free give-a-ways, food to sample and a drawing for a gift basket. Also, 20% off at Shirt Images, 20% off at Simply Said Flowers and 20% off a meal at Simpson Avenue Grill.. Tickets are \$3.00 and will be available at Harbor Drug & Gifts, Shirt Images or from a Relay for Life team member. If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Marcia Smith.

Theology on Tap— Wednesday, December 6th at Steam Donkey

Theme: The Magic and Mysticism of Christmas

A pastor walks into a bar...no this isn't the beginning of a joke but the beginning of something fun and new! Do you like banter and beer? Are you curious, confused, happy, questioning or even intrigued by God or religion? Well then join us for **Theology on Tap at Steam Donkey Brewing Company in Aberdeen at 7pm on Wednesday, December 6th.** They allow and encourage to bring outside food in- so bring in some food, get a beer or lemonade here and en-



Advent Lunch Bunch Bible Study Wednesdays—December 6, 13, 20 12PM-1PM

In the Fireside Room at Saron Lutheran

*“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’” -Luke 2:13-14*

Ladies Christmas Ornament Exchange

December 12th, 6-8PM

This year the Christmas Ornament Exchange is at Sue Varland's house. Those attending bring a wrapped ornament and a hors d'oeuvre. This is a ton of fun! Anyone wanting to carpool to Sue's can meet at Saron Lutheran at 5:40pm. If you need her address, check the directory, call the office or talk to Sue.



Youth Group Christmas Party

December 14th—5PM—9PM at Saron Lutheran Fellowship Hall

The youth will be having a Christmas party at Saron Lutheran (708 8th Street). The youth and their families and friends are invited! We will have a white elephant gift exchange (the max cost per gift to spend is \$10), games/crafts, and then to top it off we are going Christmas caroling! Dinner will be a build your own nachos; chips, meat and nacho cheese provided. Bring your favorite topping to share. Please RSVP by December 10th by texting Pastor Michelle or calling the office.



Joy to the World!

**Church Ski Trip at Trollhaugen Lodge in Snoqualmie Ski Park
Friday, February 16– Sunday, February 18
2 nights \$80/person**

Children under 4 not needing a bunk bed will be discounted

President's Day Weekend Church Ski Trip! It's that time again when as a church we can go enjoy God's creation together! Come and ski, play in the snow, or relax by the fire. The cost for exclusive for the entire lodge has increased so the total for 2 nights is \$80/person plus you will be assigned some food to bring and a meal to help prepare and/or clean up. ALL ages are invited to come and sign up! Bring your friends and families!

Payment in full needs to be at the church for your spot by December 20th at 12pm. Checks need to be made out to Saron Lutheran Church in the memo line: Ski Trip/Trollhaugen. We have enough room for 50 people (children under 4 if they share a bed can be discounted– talk to Pastor Michelle about this). If you want to stay an extra night on Sunday night contact Trollhaugen Lodge directly. If your youth want to come and you can't talk with Pastor Michelle.



If we don't get at least 40 people already paid for and signed up by December 24 we will have to cancel the trip.

Prayer Requests

If you have something you would like the congregation to pray for please send prayer requests contact sarongrayharbor@gmail.com or pastordebeauchamp@gmail.com and we will put them in the weekly Facebook post.

**BloodWorks Northwest Blood Drive****Tuesday, December 12th, 9AM-3PM****Saron Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

Come donate blood that goes directly back into our own community here in Grays Harbor.

Sign up online at www.bloodworksnw.org/drive or call 1-800-398-7888. Reference Sponsor Code: 5442.

The words "THANK YOU" are written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below the text is a decorative blue wave graphic that starts under "THANK" and flows under "YOU".

I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their kindness and love shown to me in the last 2+ years. I so appreciate how spoiled I was for my birthday. I loved everything. I was really touched by your caring and generosity.

Even Cathy Kallio's Senior Sunset Times newspaper. LOL.

I find it a pleasure to work for you and a privilege. Thank you very much.

Blessings,

April Montes-Hamm—Administrative Assistant