

The Carillon Newsletter

December 2019



Letter from Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp –

This Advent Season I would like to encourage all to participate in an at home daily devotional. This year we will be using "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" from Luther Seminary's God Pause. This can be accessed in regular and larger format at:

<https://www.luthersem.edu/advent/default.aspx?m=6352>

We will also have copies of this at the church downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for anyone to take home.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle

*Our Vision:
Welcoming all to a
faith community of
service and love.*

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Christmas for Kids in Grays Harbor

We have distributed barrels to businesses in Hoquiam, Aberdeen and Montesano and are now in the process of collecting the gifts and getting them to the warehouse for sorting. If you are available to assist in this endeavor, please contact the office. This will continue until December 18 when we have our Christmas for Kids/Community Meal/Christmas Meal Basket giveaway event.

We will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for this program here at Saron. Feel free to drop them off during business hours or contact office staff and we will come get them!

Please note that we will be looking for volunteers for the 18th. It's a rather large undertaking and we will need all hands on deck.

Christmas Baskets

We have started collecting food for the baskets we will be handing out to needy families during our Community Meal on December 18th. There is a sign-up sheet on the Big Board in Anderson Hall. We are collecting the following: 30 cans of Green Beans; 30 cans of Yams; 30 cans of Corn; 30 cans of Cranberry Sauce; 30 boxes of Stuffing Mix; 30 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese; 30 boxes of butter; 30 containers of vegetable oil; 30 bags of rolls (1 dozen). We would like to have it all collected by December 16th and there will be a bin clearly marked in Moller Hall for your donations.

Martha Circle

Congratulations to the lady volunteers this year. The soup ladies and the pie gals – your hard work paid off. Plus, the wait staff did an outstanding job! Thank you all!

It was good to see the church members who were vendors and a particularly helpful little elf running around! We made over \$2800.00! Good going, everyone!

Please, please, everyone, have a pleasant and enjoyable Christmas and a very safe New Year.

-Linda Rogers

The next meeting of Martha Circle is our Holiday Potluck on December 5th at noon. Bring your favorite dish.

Fair Trade Christmas Shoppe

There will be coffee, tea and chocolate to buy through the office, until it sells out. A few gifts are still available until next week to see and buy before they get sent back. You can also purchase online at www.serrv.org?a=saronfirst between 11/1-12/15 and 20% of your purchase benefits Saron-First, Martha Circle and the wonderful people who have put their time and talents into making these items from around the world.

Coffee Hour

Come for coffee, goodies and fellowship every *Wednesday at 10am* in the Fireside Room.

Saron/First Choir

Choir practice is every *Wednesday at 6:30pm* in the Choir room at Saron.

Contact Troy or Kari if you are interested in singing with the Choir this season, or just show up. All abilities are welcome. Come make joyful noise!

Grief Group

Please join us on Wednesdays at 1:00pm for Grief Group. This ministry is for anyone who has lost a loved one and would like fellowship and support. In December we will be meeting Dec 4th, 11th and 18th. After the Holidays, meetings will resume on January 8th, 2020.

Quilters

There will be no quilting in *November* and *December* because of the Bazaar week preparations and Thanksgiving Holiday followed by a busy December.

We will resume on *January 9, 2020* from 8am-12pm.

- JoAnn Ray at 360-532-6746.

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Lutheran Literary Ladies plus Presbyterians equals Reading Is Our Thing meets every third Thursday at 1:00pm. Next meeting is *December 19th* in the Fireside Room.

Games Galore!

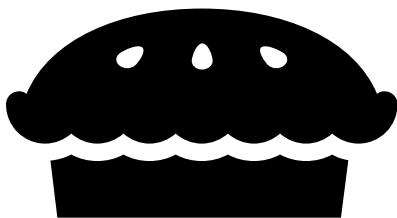
December 10th from 2-4pm GAMES GALORE! There will be assorted board games, dice and domino games, or you may bring your favorite game. There will be snacks and refreshments, feel free to bring more (no sticky stuff, please).

Pie in the Face FUNdraiser

Our fall Youth fundraiser is going to be a great time for all! We have met our initial goal of \$1000 and have raised \$1010.70 to date, but the race continues...If the kids can raise \$1150, Teri will get 2 pies in the face. For \$1300, it's Tony's turn.

\$1400 will have Phil eating 2 pies. Only \$1500 for Pastor Michelle! And it will only take \$2000 to have Pastor Jeani covered in a couple of pies! If we can make it to \$3000 we might just take a bath in it!

The pies will fly after the Holiday Dinner on December 8th. Please support our Youth programs to keep them engaged, involved and having fun, and then watch their glee as they get to smash pies into our faces!



Bloodworks NW

Donate some life-saving blood on *Monday, December 9th from 9:00am-3:00pm* in the Fellowship Hall at Saron. You can sign up online at: www.bloodworksnw.org/drives or call 1-800-398-7888 (sponsor code: 5442)

Finding God in...Pop Culture

Are you a Star Wars fan or really into Harry Potter? Do you want to relate better to the youth in your life? Do you just like discussing where God and Christian themes are in popular culture? Sometimes we don't realize when reading a book or watching a popular movie that themes about faith and God are right there in our face. Come and gather with us to learn and discuss about finding God in...popular music/books/movies/tv shows. Our faith is not just a Sunday morning thing, but it's surrounding us all the time.

December 10th @ 5-6:30pm
Finding God in...

Narnia & Christmas Carols.

It will be potluck. Sign up on the Big Board in Anderson Hall. We will meet once a month for this education series.

You can get these movies/books through our local library to see beforehand.



Family Outreach Night!

Come Help Out! Invite Your Neighbors!

It's USUALLY the 4th Wednesday of the month, but the holidays are upon us.

Free Community Meal 5-6:30pm!

December 18th

Union Gospel Mission

Dinner

December 16th




Team 2 will be organizing the *December* meal for the Union Gospel Mission Dinner.

Cold Weather...Warm Hearts

Our shelves are running low on supplies for our friends. They truly appreciate coming for a hot meal and being able to leave with items that will help them be more comfortable.

We are currently in need of cold weather items such as socks, hats and gloves, as well as hand and feet warmers. We would also like to be able to provide toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and pet food (we split up bags into baggies, feel free to donate a large bag). Protein bars, granola bars, instant coffee and hot chocolate are a nice touch as well. Please bring your items to the donation box outside of the office in Moller Hall. Thank you for your generous hearts!

December 2019

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1 10a Worship & Sunday School Advent 1	2	3	4 10a Coffee 1p Grief Group 6:30p Choir Practice	5 10a Christmas Decorating 12p Martha Circle	6	7
8 10a Worship w/Choir & Sunday School Holiday Dinner Advent 2	9 9a-3p Bloodworks NW Blood Drive	10 2-4p Games Galore! 5-6:30p Finding God in...Pop Culture Education Series (potluck)	11 10a Coffee 1p Grief Group 6:30p Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 10a Worship & Sunday School Advent 3 	16 UGM Team 2 	17	18 10a Coffee 1p Grief Group 5-6:30p C4K/Community Meal 6:30p Choir Practice	19 1p L^3+P=(RIOT) 	20 7p Kari's Student Recital	21 10a Dress Rehearsal & Kids Party
22 10a Worship Youth & Choir Christmas Musical Advent 4 New Member Sunday 5p Blue Christmas	23	24 6p Christmas Eve Services	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28
29 10a Worship Sing-along	30	31	Important: The Annual Meeting of Council is January 12th after Worship.			

December Birthdays

Dec 1 – Jody Wayman
Dec 4 – Shirley Ward
Dec 4 – Jeanne Johnson
Dec 4 – Becky Root
Dec 8 – Will Olson
Dec 9 – Troy George
Dec 11 – Floyd Hazelquist
Dec 11 – Mary Morris
Dec 13 – Kramer Klein
Dec 17 – Pat Morgan
Dec 17 – Ron Bacon
Dec 20 – Karla Johnson

Dec Birthdays cont...

Dec 24 – Tony Enzler
Dec 25 – Joshua Gaddis
Dec 26 – Kathe Smith
Dec 26 – Leona Anderson
Dec 28 – Richard Easton
Dec 28 – Atticus Julian-Guzman
Dec 29 – Paula Boerner
Dec 29 – Sharal Whitecliff
Dec 30 – Cathy Kallio
Dec 30 – Eric Shofner
Dec 31 – Kristi Earley
Dec 31 – Seth Gaddis

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Council Meeting
is *January 12th*, after
worship.



Assisting Minister Schedule

Please see the weekly Rose Blast or the sign-up sheet on the wall in Anderson Hall for the current schedules.

Property Committee

Property Help

The office has a small list of members who receive emails when something on the property needs to be addressed with the expectation that someone who can fix the issue responds quickly. If you would like to be on this list (and yes, we do need you) please contact the office.

Cold Weather Maintenance

We're still looking for someone to clean the Fireside Room's ductless heat pump filters, autumn through spring. It's a straightforward task with a cloth and a vacuum every couple of weeks. Can you help? Please contact the Office.

October Finance

Recap

Income: \$10,460
Expenses: \$12,289
Difference: (\$1829)

November Attendance

11/3/2019	79 adults & 7 children	\$3307
11/10/2019	59 adults & 2 children	\$4591
11/17/2019	87 adults & 3 children	\$591
11/24/2019	65 adults & 5 children	\$1836

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Monday-Thursday
10 AM-1 PM

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