

# The Carillon Newsletter

March 2020



Dear Church,

Here in Washington State and around the world we are dealing with a new health threat in the form of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The CDC, Public Health and other agencies are working diligently to make available testing kits for the virus and creating a vaccine. However, we need to be taking reasonable precautions to stay healthy and to care for one another. You have heard many of these recommendations on the TV and other media outlets, but I am going to repeat them here.

- **Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (about the length of the birthday song, so wash and sing!).**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth**
- **When you cough, cough into your bent elbow, not your hand. Dispose of any tissue you have used to blow your nose as soon as possible, then wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.**
- **Keep a respectful distance from people when you are talking to them.**
- **If you are sick, stay home!**

Here at Saron First we will be making a few **temporary** changes.

Sharing the of Peace: Stand but stay in your area and greet those immediately around you. No crossing the aisle or moving around. Instead of shaking hands (or hugging) tap elbows, wave or bow as you greet one another.

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

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#### **Church Staff**

Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp  
**Senior Pastor**

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**Lay Associate Pastor**

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Kari Hasbrouck  
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Eric Shofner  
Tony Enzler  
Ingrid Larson  
Nola Bell  
Sharal Whitecliff

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Communion: Those preparing and serving the bread will either wear gloves or use hand sanitizer. There will be hand sanitizer available for those wishing to use it before they receive the bread. Intinction is the least healthy way to receive the wine so for now we will be serving the wine and grape juice in cups only and those cups will be disposable. Using disposable cups will reduce the risk of spreading germs.

Remember to stay in touch with one another. If you are able, call the office if you are sick or if you have decided to reduce your risk of exposure by staying home. The virus may never come to our area. However, we may experience shortages of some food items and staples if deliveries are reduced to our area. You may want to prepare for this possibility and stock your pantry.

It is important to be prepared but it is even more important to not panic. We are blessed to be part of a worshipping community that cares for and takes care of each other.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 4: 6-7*

Blessings,

Pastor Jeani

### **Pancake Dinner Update**

The dinner crew would like to thank all that attended. All supplies were donated and the free will offering brought in \$424.00 which was given towards the new heating system.

### **Lenten Services**

Mid-week services will be Thursdays beginning at 6:15 with soup and bread in the fellowship hall and continuing at 7pm with a simple worship around the cross. Those dates are March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2.

Holy week will start at Saron-First on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> with a Choir Performance and palms. Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> there will be the Maundy Thursday Lamb Dinner starting at 5:00pm with services starting at 6:30p. On Friday, April 10, Good Friday Service will start at 7pm. Easter is Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> with 10:00am start time for Worship.

### **Martha Circle**

There will be no meeting this month, instead we will be setting up for the Rummage Sale to be held *Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm.* Set-up is Thursday and Friday starting at 9am.

### **Rummage Sale**

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm Saron-First will have it's annual Rummage Sale. If you have items to donate, they can be dropped off behind the divider wall in Moller Hall (by the office).

## Finding God in...Pop Culture

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

**Frozen & Frozen II.** It will be potluck. Sign up on the Big Board in Anderson Hall.

## 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!

## Bloodworks NW

Donate some life-saving blood on *Monday, May 4th* from 9:00am-3:00pm in the **Fellowship Hall**. You can sign up online at:

[www.bloodworksnw.org/drives](http://www.bloodworksnw.org/drives)  
or call 1-800-398-7888  
(sponsor code: 5442)

## Drop-in 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.

## Coffee Hour

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

## Quilters

Quilters meet at 8:00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month.

Hope to see you there. Any questions, call JoAnn Ray at 360-532-6746.

## L^3+P=(RIOT)

Lutheran Literary Ladies plus Presbyterians equals Reading Is Our Thing book club meets every third Thursday at 2:00pm. Next meeting is *March 19th* in the Fireside Room.

## NOTE:

We are still missing the library's copy of "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society". Please return asap.

## Games Galore!

*March 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).



## **Family Outreach Night!**

### ***Free Community Meal!***

Our wonderful Lutheran & Presbyterian cooks are prepared to serve our neighbors at the next Community Meal that will take place on ***March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-6:30pm.***

Bring your neighbor and your appetite...the food is free!

Any help is appreciated with serving and clean-up. Please sign up on the Big Board in Anderson Hall.

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, (except November and December meals) we welcome you to our Free Community Meal from 5-6:30pm!

## **Union Gospel Mission Dinner**

***March 16th***

**Team 1** will be organizing the *March* meal for the Union Gospel Mission Dinner.

## **Cold Weather...Warm Hearts**

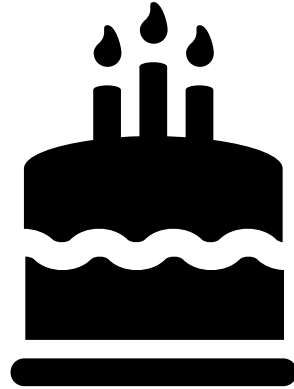
We are still collecting socks & hand/feet warmers. We would also like to be able to provide soap, shampoo, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and pet food (we split up bags into baggies, feel free to donate a large bag). Protein bars, granola bars, instant coffee and hot chocolate 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!

# March 2020

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1 10a Worship <b>w/Choir</b> & Sunday School	2	3	4 10a Coffee  1p Grief Group  6:30p Choir Practice	5 <b>9a Martha Circle Rummage Sale Set-up</b>  <b>6:15p Lent Svcs @ AG</b>	6 <b>9a Rummage Sale Set- up</b>	7 <b>8a-2p Rummage Sale</b>
8 10a Worship & Sunday School	9	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 8a-12p Quilting  <b>6:15p Lent Svcs @ AG</b>	13	14
15 10a Worship <b>w/Choir</b> & Sunday School  <b>Council Meeting</b>	16	17	18 10a Coffee  1p Grief Group  6:30p Choir Practice	19 2p L^3+P=(RIOT)  <b>6:15p Lent Svcs @ AG</b>	20	21
22 10a Worship & Sunday School	23 UGM Team 1	24	25 10a Coffee  1p Grief Group <b>5-6:30p Community Meal</b> 6:30p Choir Practice	26 8a-12p Quilting  <b>6:15p Lent Svcs @ AG</b>	27	28
29 10a Worship & Sunday School	30	31				

## March Birthdays

Mar 1 – Mike Lentz  
Mar 3 – Traci Sandstrom  
Mar 4 – Mildred Fundenberger  
Mar 5 – Toni Black  
Mar 6 – Teri Julian  
Mar 6 – Elisabeth Enzler  
Mar 6 – Cora Rhodes  
Mar 8 – Gary Smitt  
Mar 11 – Jeani Shofner  
Mar 13 – Tami Garrow  
Mar 17 – Kari Hasbrouck  
Mar 24 – Tracy Pelan  
Mar 24 – Kacey Pelan  
Mar 25 – Marcia Smith  
Mar 26 – Keith Worsham



## Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting is  
*March 15th,*  
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.

The "rest of the year sign-ups" are now on the same board.

## Property Committee

### ***Task List – what can you help with? Please let the Office know!***

Help paint the kitchen?

Adjust the fit of the door from the courtyard into the office?  
(a warmer weather project)

Help paint the altar railing and sanctuary doors?

Do you know someone with a 50'+ man lift who would be willing to help us investigate the condition of the steeple and adjacent roof?

Can you help repair the damaged accordion wall that gets rolled out monthly for community dinners?

## Heat Pump update

Thanks to YOUR generosity, as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have collected **\$17,757.55** towards the new heat pump! With our latest bid approaching \$16,000 we are so very grateful to each and every one of you! Even though we have reached our initial goal, we have 3 properties with our main church being almost 100 years old. There are a lot of maintenance projects that need to be done that we will need funds for. We are still raising funds through the Rummage Sale on March 7<sup>th</sup> and the Plant and Bake Sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and appreciate your continued support with your donations. Thank you!

### February Finance Recap

Gen Fund Income: \$9344  
Normal Expenses: \$10,107  
Difference: (\$763)

### February Attendance & Tithing

2/2/2020	57 adults & 4 children	\$3599
2/9/2020	64 adults & 3 children	\$1031
2/16/2020	54 adults & 3 children	\$2480
2/23/2020	64 adults & 2 children	\$1384

**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
**10 AM-1 PM**

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