

The Carillon Newsletter

June 2020



Dear Church,

The Church Council would like to express gratitude to YOU, our members, for your continued financial stewardship during this Covid-19 crisis. We realize it requires a little extra effort to put a contribution in the mail instead of dropping it into the offering plate at church. So, thank you, thank you! The funds we received last month from the Payroll Protection Plan helped sustain our church during the past two months. However, since the shutdown has extended so much longer than any of us expected last March, your wonderful support is needed and very much appreciated.

We also know that individual families are experiencing much hardship during this time. As Pastor Michelle has said each week at our online service, there are many ways to give back what we have received. Taking care of each other, looking after neighbors, helping wherever we can, may be the very best way to share and to show God's love.

The Council would also like everyone to know that we are taking the process of reopening very seriously. We will develop a plan to keep within the state guidelines and to reopen in the safest way we can. It will be a slow, step by step process, but eventually we can worship together again. In the meantime, both Pastor Michelle and Pastor Jeani are excited to create several opportunities for remote fellowship. More to come about that soon! -Sue Varland

Update: We would also like to inform everyone that the council unanimously voted to have our building closed till July 5th. Each month we will be reassessing if the date needs to be extended. Our next council meeting is June 14th. We are taking it very seriously about the health of the congregation, and we are developing a plan for when we reopen the building that follows our insurance, state, local, synod/presbytery guidelines.

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

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Dear Church,

I am sad to inform you that David Wilhelms passed-away June 2nd. He will be greatly missed by all of us and so many our area. He loved music and this community deeply. I had the honor these last few weeks to be part of planning his memorial service with him. I even got to see him last week in his garden and talk and pray with him from a distance. We will be following his wishes and having one sometime in the future when we can all gather again and have the choir sing and the organ play. He said that even if it is a year away that is ok- he wants everyone to be safe and have a wonderful memorial of gathering to remember him. David's favorite Bible passages were Psalm 42 and 23 if you would like to read anything in honor of him.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle

Dear Church,

Firstly, we care about each one of you. We hope you are safe and healthy during this time of having to be apart, so that we protect each other and our neighbors.

As the news of the protests and riots continue in our country it is feeling closer than ever before. It is something that is not happening in a distant land but right in our nation. We, as your pastors, feel called address all the pain and anxiety and trauma happening. Our hearts break as we witness the murder of a man, the destruction of property, people being injured, and the hatred being spewed.

We know our church has a wide variety of viewpoints on what is going on, but after much prayer and thought we know we must make the statement again that we have made multiple times in worship over the last 3 years. So here it is:

White supremacy is evil. Both of our denominations have made that clear and that we as Presbyterians and Lutherans are called to preach against white supremacy. It is wrong. Our church, Saron Lutheran-First Presbyterian, along with our denominations condemn white supremacy in every form.

We as your pastors want to encourage you and support you in your prayer life during this time when it feels like things are out of control. That is why in this month's newsletter we have included a prayer page for all of us to use on a daily basis. In addition, below we have included a litany/prayer against white supremacy that we can all pray in our own homes. This is the one we have used twice in worship over the past 2 years. We must put our hope and faith in Jesus right now—and pray for our nation that love will win over hatred. Our neighbors are hurting so we are hurting as one united body in Christ. Pray for all to see that we are all of God's children—siblings on this earth loved and cared for by God no matter what we look like.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle and Pastor Jeani

Litany Against White Supremacy

By Pastor Jennifer Chrein

Gracious and loving God,
In the beginning, you created humanity and declared us very good
We were made in Africa, came out of Egypt.
Our beginnings, all of our beginnings, are rooted in dark skin.
We are all siblings. We are all related.
We are all your children.

We are all siblings, we are all related, we are all your children.

Violence entered creation through Cain and Abel.
Born of jealousy, rooted in fear of scarcity,
Brother turned against brother
The soil soaked with blood, Cain asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

We are all siblings, we are all related, we are our brothers keeper.

When your people cried out in slavery,
You heard them. You did not ignore their suffering.
You raised up leaders who would speak truth to power
And lead your people into freedom.
Let us hear your voice; grant us the courage to answer your call.
Guide us towards justice and freedom for all people.

We are all siblings, we are all related, we all deserve to be free.

Through the prophets you told us the worship you want is for us
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke;
Yet we continue to serve our own interest,
To oppress our workers, to crush our siblings by the neck because we are afraid.
Because they don't look like us, act like us, talk like us.
Yet, they are us. And we are them.

We are all siblings, we are all related, we are not free unless all are free

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
Born in poverty, living under the rule of a foreign empire,
Brown-skinned, dark-haired, middle-Eastern.
They called him Yeshua, your Son,
Who welcomed the unwelcome, accepted the unacceptable—
The foreigners, the radicals, the illiterate, the poor,
The agents of empire and the ones who sought to overthrow it,
The men and women who were deemed unclean because of their maladies.

We are all siblings, we are all related, we are all disciples.

The faith of Christ spread from region to region, culture to culture.
You delight in the many voices, many languages, raised to you.
You teach us that in Christ, “There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free, there is
no male and female.”
In Christ, we are all one.
Not in spite of our differences, but in them.
Black, brown, and white; female, non-binary, and male; citizen and immigrant,
In Christ we are all one.

We are all siblings, we are all related, we are all one in Christ.

Each week, we confess our sin to you and to one another.
We know that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We are captive to the sin of white supremacy,
Which values some lives more than others,
Which believes some skin tones are more perfect than others,
Which commits violence against those who are different.
We confess our complicity in this sin.
We humbly repent.
We ask for the strength to face our sin, to dismantle it, and to be made anew
We trust in your compassion and rely on your mercy
Praying that you will give us your wisdom and guide us in your way of peace,
That you will renew us as you renew all of creation
In accordance with your will.

We ask this, we pray this, as your children, all siblings, all related, all beloved children of
God.

Amen.

PRAYER PAGE

A Prayer for a time of conflict, crisis, disaster

Time of conflict, crisis, disaster O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 76)

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.

Amen.

-reinhold niebuhr (1892-1971)

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life
Amen

Please keep the following in your prayers...

The family and friends of David Wilhelms,

The family and friends of George Floyd,

Stephanie, Julie, Joe Pearson, Sunshine Obi,

Jose and Naomie, Troy, Andrea and Ryder,

Leah and her family, Lillian Matheson,

Ken Matheson, Gus Schmidt, Robert Plyler,

Michael Fleming, JoJean Young,

Steven McFail, Charlene Hood,

Nancy Nisinger, Alex Reid and family,

Brendan, Leona Anderson, Toni Black,

Crissy, Gary Evans, Doris Rosenbach,

Simon, Cindy, Sarah Powell, Tom Petrich,

Connie McCroskey, Angel Temaj,

Val Rhodes, Andy, Andrew, Robert Holladay,

Diane Mann, Arbie & Bonnie Irwin,

Mackenzie Murray, Wayne Carter,

Pastor Jeani, Jane, Yvonne

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Our first virtual coffee hour was a success! We will be continuing our virtual fellowship every Wednesday at 10am. On Mondays/Tuesdays when the Rose Blast is published, the link for the Zoom conference will be included. You don't have to have a computer to join as there is a way to simply call in. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP

After virtual worship on June 28, we will be hosting a virtual fellowship! Please watch the Rose Blast and your emails for your invitation the week prior.

YOUTH VIRTUAL DESSERT SOCIAL

On June 22nd, at 4pm, the kids are invited to grab a dessert and join us for some fun & games online. If your youth would like to join us, please contact the office.

CHURCH KEYS & ACCESS

Thank you very much to those of you who have responded. We are still looking for a few more. Due to COVID-19 and new standards and practices, we are needing a current key inventory. If you are in possession of a key that gets you into either the Saron building, the church office, or the First Presbyterian building, we are asking that you email us at sarongraysharbor@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 360-532-4611 to let us know. If you are involved in a ministry team or have certain need of the key, you will be able to keep it, we just need to update our list. If you are not involved with a ministry team, you may be asked to turn your key in. Please respond as soon as possible.

ONLINE WORSHIP ASSISTING MINISTERS

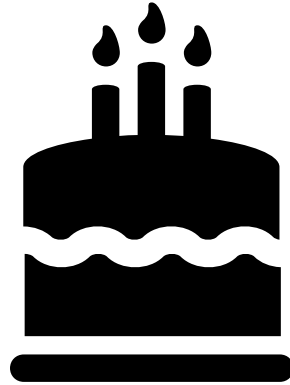
If you are interested in reading or reciting prayers for worship service online, please contact Pastor Michelle about the possibility of adding recordings to the worship service. You do not have to be an expert – we can help!

JUNE @ Home with Saron First

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>All *in-person* activities and Worship is cancelled. Please see schedule below for online services. They can be accessed on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Saron1st/ as well as on our YouTube channel (available next day): https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZNdVOZECCOpZ0ZZQBVU2Zg</p> </div>						
	1 5p DWP	2 8a Music w/David 1p Kids Corner	3 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p DWP	4 8a Music w/Kari	5 5p DWP	6
7 10a O/L Worship	8 5p DWP	9 8a Music w/David 1p Kids Corner	10 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p DWP	11 8a Music w/Kari	12 5p DWP	13
14 10a O/L Worship	15 5p DWP <i>UGM Team 4</i>	16 8a Music w/David 1p Kids Corner	17 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p DWP	18 8a Music w/Kari	19 5p DWP	20
21 10a O/L Worship	22 4p Kids Virtual Dessert Social 5p DWP	23 8a Music w/David 1p Kids Corner 5p Virtual Hymn Sing	24 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p DWP	25 8a Music w/Kari	26 5p DWP	27
28 10a O/L Worship Virtual Fellowship following service	29	30 8a Music w/David 1p Kids Corner				

June Birthdays

3-Jun – Ed Shofner
3-Jun – Lou Jean O'Brien
4-Jun – Robert Reime
4-Jun – Jim Sandstrom
5-Jun – Maggie Larson
9-Jun – Katri Pelan
10-Jun – Liam Ballard
14-Jun – Thomas Owzarski
17-Jun – David Sandstrom
22-Jun – Marilyn Anderson
27-Jun – Jan Rosi
29-Jun – Dryden Enzler
30-Jun – Ed Klein



Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will
be June 14th.



Assisting Minister Schedule

Please stay home and stay healthy! We will be together again!



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 once we are able to gather again safely.

Union Gospel Mission Dinner

June 15th

Team 4 will be organizing the *June* meal for the Union Gospel Mission Dinner.

Collecting Hygiene Items

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!

Property Committee

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

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

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?

There are always projects to do! If you are interested in receiving Property Committee emails and are willing to put your hand up to help, please let the office know. You will be added to the email list and receive occasional notifications of projects that need to be done.

Updates

The heat pump at Saron is FINISHED! Thank you to Mark Johnson for overseeing the project

The First Pres kitchen remodel also finished! We are all so excited to be able to check out this new space!

We thank John & Carrie for the parking lot striping that looks fabulous as well as the repairs in the restrooms!

May Finance Recap

Gen Fund Income: \$9810
Normal Expenses: \$11,766
Difference: (\$1956)

May Tithing

\$9810

**Thank you for mailing in and dropping off
your contributions! We are all in this
together.**

Office Hours

The office is currently closed. Please contact the office if you need access.

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