

The Carillon Newsletter

September 2020



Dear Church,

We are still in the middle of this worldwide pandemic, but the church is still open and providing wonderful ministry, music, and educational opportunities. Worship is still online with music, a message, prayers and more on Sundays at 10AM. We have redone our teams that provide a monthly meal at the Union Gospel Mission. This Fall online there will be short educational and prayer times called "Traveling through Exodus" and "Weekly Psalm and Prayer." The Book of Exodus is a timely story for all of us to read together to remind us of how God's love endures. The Kids Corner videos will be up and running again with reading a Bible story, prayer, and an activity. In addition, on Mondays there will be a morning music video posted to provide you with a song to uplift your spirits. In the midst of all this, there is still hope and we can gather together online.

In addition, the Synod and Presbytery are providing some opportunities for education and grief support during this time. For specifics on these, look on page 4 about these wonderful free opportunities.

During this time of unknown and things out of control I have been finding myself drawn to the Book of Psalms. From my own personal prayer time and study, I felt called on Thursdays to create and develop a time for a psalm and a prayer. {continued...}

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

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Each week I will read a psalm for us to reflect on and then pray afterwards. This is a time about creating space for us to find a moment of peace and connect with our faith. I invite you to join me with this on YouTube or our Facebook page.

And I know I have quoted this Bible verse already during this time of pandemic but it is one I keep going back to—reminding all of us that God is with us and helps us carry our burdens on our heart. From Matthew 11:28, “Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy **burdens**, and I will give you rest. People of God, let today be a day of prayer and meditation in a still and quiet place where you can worship God alone.” So find a moment in our loud world to be with God and listening in how God is here with all of us right now.

Peace, Pastor Michelle



Weekly Schedule starting September 7th

Mondays

6:30am - Morning Music

Tuesdays

5:00pm - Traveling Through Exodus

In our world today we face so much chaos and it is hard to find hope when facing the unknown. This story of the Israelites points us to remember God's promise and love endures forever. Join Pastor Michelle weekly through the book of Exodus this Fall. She will read through a passage, share some insight about it, and close us in prayer.

Wednesdays

10-11am - Virtual Coffee Hour

5:00pm - Kids Corner

Join Pastor Michelle, Baby Claire, Watson the dog and the cats in reading stories from the Bible! We have guests who show up to share stories about friendship, God's love, and Jesus.

Thursdays

5:00pm - Weekly Psalm and Prayer

Need a moment of contemplation and peace? Do you need to feel a connection to your faith during this time? Join us right on Facebook or YouTube in reading through the book of Psalms. Pastor Michelle will be reading a psalm and have prayer time afterward. Find a moment of peace for you and God this week and join us.

Sundays

10:00am - Sunday Worship

Join us on our Facebook page or our YouTube channel for worship every Sunday.

Synod and Presbytery Ministry and Education Opportunities

The Synod and Presbytery are offering wonderful opportunities this Fall from an online free conference at PLU to an online grief support group. If you would like to participate with any of these go ahead and register yourself and let Pastor Michelle know so she can provide you with the different books for the opportunities.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF: Online Adult Grief Support Group

The Grief Team from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia is offering a 10-week online grief support group beginning in September. The group will read the book *Understanding Your Grief* and discuss it together. Grief is like a journey through the wilderness—a vast, inhospitable forest. Finding your way out requires learning to follow the sometimes hard-to-find trail markers that leads to healing. We will learn about the ten touchstones (trail markers), signs that let you know you are on the right path. When you learn to identify and rely on the touchstones, you can find your way to hope and healing.

Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 PM for 10 weeks via Zoom

September 8, 15, 22, 29

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10

Although this is scheduled for Zoom, we will discuss as a group a possible socially distanced face-to-face meeting in a private outside space for one meeting. However, this will only happen if it works for all involved.

Book fee: \$20

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Karen Barale kbarale@comcast.net or 360-789-5178.

10th ANNUAL LUTHERAN STUDIES CONFERENCE- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st

This year's free Lutheran Studies Conference focuses on systemic racism and will involve opportunities for reading, reflection, and commitment to action for individuals and their faith and/or educational communities. We will be guided in this work and reflection by Rev. Lenny Duncan, called by Messiah Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA to serve as Mission Developer of Jubilee Collective.

The conference will include:

1. Keynote Address on October 1st at 7:00pm. Rev. Lenny Duncan will be speaking on his book, *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* (2019). This webinar will be held virtually via Zoom.
2. Adult Forum book discussions for Congregations on September 20th & 27th at 9:00am. Forums will focus on Chapters 1, 9 and 10, and will be facilitated by Dr. Marit Trelstad, PLU Chair of Lutheran Studies. Please encourage your congregation to read ahead!
3. PLU Chapel on September 30th at 10:30am. Rev. Lenny Duncan will be preaching with University Pastor Jen Rude.

We invite you to read Rev. Duncan's book with us in preparation for the conference events. Come Join us virtually for this unique opportunity to "gather" and discuss our calling to address systemic racism in our own lives, our educational systems, and churches. This is central to the mission of PLU "to educate students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care – for other people, for their communities, and for the earth. "The conference is free and open to the public and is made possible by the generosity of the anonymous donors who endowed the University Chair in Lutheran Studies.

PRAYER PAGE

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.

Empty Vessel Prayer – Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; Strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; Warm me and make me fervent That my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; At times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. O Lord help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee. In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; Thou art upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; In thee is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with thee of who I can receive but to whom I may not give. Amen.

Lead Me – Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

*The family of Sunshine Obi,
The family of Ed & Pastor Jeani Shofner,
The family of Gary McElliott,
The family of Julianne Smitt,
The family of Phil Olafsen,
The family of Bob Carlson,
The families and friends of Dylan Furford
and Cole Rutzer
Kjerstin, Ben, Clark, Joyce & Rich and the
firefighters dealing with the fires in CA
Cathy Kallio, Bob, Randy,
Karyn Elayne Turner,
John & Kathy Converse, Taylor Julian,
Vada Kohn, Hank Bilderback,
Elan Isacowitz, Teri Julian & Kids,
Wil Russoul's family,
Sarah Alvarez and Brandy, Magnolia,
Sarah Leigh Blomgren, John Sullivan, Liz,
Stephanie, Julie, Joe Pearson, Troy,
Andrea and Ryder, Leah and her family,
Lillian Matheson, Ken Matheson,
Gus Schmidt, 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, Yvonne
Oppressed Persons Everywhere,
Police Officers & First Responders.*

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Every Wednesday at 10am meet us on Zoom for “face to face” fellowship. On Mondays or Tuesdays when the Rose Blast is published, the link for the Zoom conference will be included. You do not 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.

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!

FROM THE OFFICE

During this unprecedented time of change in our daily lives, we want you to know that we are expecting questions. Please ask for help with anything that you may need, especially when it comes to technology. We have the knowledge and resources to help. If you have questions about Zoom, we can answer them (you could even practice with your Admin during the day). If you would like to watch worship on a DVD, we are able to get a Worship DVD to you. If you do not have a DVD player, or internet, please contact the office. We can help. We want you to get everything out of what we can give right now. Please email or call the office. The building is closed, but we are available.



September @ Home with Saron-1st

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All *in-person* activities and Worship is postponed. 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: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZNdVOZECCOpZ0ZZQBVU2Zg						
		1	2 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p BO DW&P	3	4 5p BO DW&P	5
6 10a Virtual Worship	7 LABOR DAY Office Closed 630a Music w/Kari	8 5p Traveling Through Exodus	9 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner	10 5p Weekly Psalm & Prayer	11	12
13 10a Virtual Worship God's Work Our Hands Sunday	14 630a Music w/David	15 5p Traveling Through Exodus	16 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner	17 5p Weekly Psalm & Prayer	18	19
20 10a Virtual Worship Council Meeting	21 630a Music w/Kari UGM Team 3	22 11a 1 st Pres Bldg. Committee Mtg @ Rose Center 5p Traveling Through Exodus	23 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner	24 5p Weekly Psalm & Prayer	25	26
27 10a Virtual Worship w/Communion	28 630a Music w/David	29 5p Traveling Through Exodus	30 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Kids' Corner			

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3-Sep	Elichia Enzler
13-Sep	Robb McAllister
17-Sep	Iver Matheson
17-Sep	Marie Ask
18-Sep	David Wilhelms
20-Sep	Ken Matheson
22-Sep	Tim Pelan (Sr.)
23-Sep	Justin Gaddis
25-Sep	Jane Bacon
26-Sep	Sarabeth Delozier
28-Sep	Dale Larson
28-Sep	Madison Smith



Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will
be September 20th.



Assisting Minister Schedule

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



Union Gospel Mission Dinner

September 21st

Team 3 will be organizing the *September* meal for the UGM Dinner.

Our Union Gospel Mission teams need YOU!

Here is a current list of the teams and list of dates each team is serving. You will see that we can use more volunteers! If you are unsure about whether to volunteer, keep in mind that each team prepares and delivers a meal to the mission **only** three time a year, just once every four months. (During the Covid crisis, we are no longer serving the meal...just providing it.) The date of the meal is always the third Monday of the month. The meal consists of a main dish (traditionally Tator-Tot Casserole from the Saron cookbook), bread, salad or seasonal fruit, dessert, and beverage (milk and juice). The teams pick a menu and divide up the jobs: 3-4 for main dish, someone for milk/juice, someone for bread, someone for salad, and dessert. Often one or two members offer to drive the meal over to the mission. That's all there is to it! If you have any questions, give me a call.

360-591-4716 (c) or 360-533-4644 (h)

Note for those individuals already on a team: If you on a team and need to make a change from what you see on this list, please call Teri in the church office (360-532-4611) -Sue Varland

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
LouJean O'Brien	Jeannette Bruun	Mary Morris	Marilynn Anderson
Gretchen Klein	Karla Johnson	Linda Borth	Linda Borth
Eric Shofner	Sherri Owzarski	Sharal Patton	Jeannette Bruun
Diana Petrich	Nancy Rowley	Ruth Hamilton	Barbara Fairchild
Becky Root	Sue Varland	Mike Erkkinen	Sue Swantek
Maggie Larson	Sharal Patton	Pastor Michelle	Maurita White
Shirley Ward (baking)	Ingrid Larson	Marcia Smith	Teri Moody
Doris Ellingson (baking)			

Team 1

November 16, 2020
 March 15, 2021
 July 19, 2021
 November 15, 2021

Team 2

December 21, 2020
 April 19, 2021
 August 16, 2021
 December 20, 2021

Team 3

September 21, 2020
 January 18, 2021
 May 17, 2021
 September 20, 2021

Team 4

October 19, 2020
 February 15, 2021
 June 21, 2021
 October 18, 2021

Collecting Hygiene Items

We are still collecting hygiene items for our friends who come to the community meal. Once we can host again, these items will go fast. Looking forward, we could use a bit of sunscreen/sunblock and lip balm. **We would also like to add masks to our stock.** Socks & hand/feet warmers are always appreciated. 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 contact the office to schedule a time to bring your items. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Property Reports

Parsonage

Pastor Michelle and Phil have been busy with different projects around the parsonage (in between lots of calls, videos, meetings and editing). Fencing in the backyard, touching up the paint on the outside after the bathroom project, cleaning out the garden beds and planting new flowers, fixing the kitchen faucet, and a leak that needed to be repaired.

Rose Center (1st Presbyterian)

Chaplains on the Harbor used the building for their meals for 2 Sundays in August. They realized they needed to regroup and find a better way to transport the hot food all the way to Aberdeen. Once they get the equipment secured, they will be back to using our wonderful kitchen again.

A building committee has been put in place to handle the operations of the Rose Center from here out. Let us know if you want to be involved.

The garden needs to be prepped for winter. If there is anyone who would like to give a hand (or two) with that, the help would be much appreciated.

Saron

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

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 more 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.

August Contributions

\$9603



August Finance Recap

Gen Fund Income: \$9603
Normal Expenses: \$10,914
Difference: (\$1311)

**Thank you for mailing in and dropping off your contributions!
We can do this!**

Office Hours

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

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