The Carillon Newsletter November 2021



Dear Church,

It has been quite an October with a "bomb cyclone" weather event here in Washington and all the things going on in our world. Now we come to November. A time I hope you can take a breath and center yourself. This is the beginning of the holiday season and the end of the church year. If we see the church calendar as a path we walk along during the year, it can be grounding in our faith.

Advent (the 4 Sundays before Christmas) is how the church calendar begins. In the life outside of the church we end with Christmas, but within the church we begin the year with the countdown to Christmas. The life cycle of the church calendar ends with November, and how we end the year is with giving thanks, remembrance, and praise. November is a special time. The year ends with us remembering and giving thanks for loved ones who passed on All Saints Sunday. Then the last few weeks after All Saints we celebrate and give thanks to God for all of creation and our wonderful neighbors.

We begin the church year with hope and expectation for baby Jesus, and we end the year in celebration of God's abundance in our lives and the world. What a hopeful life cycle to be in. Welcoming all to a faith community of service and love.

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Many years (like 2021), the First Sunday of Advent lands as the Sunday right after Thanksgiving. I find the rhythm of Thanksgiving moving us to Advent as a time to center one's faith life. We start with giving thanks and move to seeing this season as a time of finding hope through Christ. This is a way of starting out the holidays centering on what is important—hope, grace, and love.

In the Gospel of Luke, Zechariah sings a song right in the beginning stating:

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.' – Luke 1:78-79

Jesus' birth is the light of God breaking into our world. The beginning of the church year in Advent shows us that God's promise of life everlasting will be fulfilled in Bethlehem...that God will give light to our feet to guide us on the way of peace. It is a time of hope. It is a time we are called to honest in our faith. If this time of year is a struggle for you, that is understandable. It can be stressful with all the expectations and burdens society and families put on each other. If you feel like you cannot see through all this do not fear! God is guiding our feet through the darkness on the way of peace. God is with us. I encourage all of you this November to join us with worship (online or in-person) in celebrating God's abundance and moving with us into the season of Advent...the season of hope, expectation, and peace.

Peace be with you.

Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp



WORSHIP NOTES

Dear Church,

We ask that you all sign in for worship on Sundays in order to have a list of those in attendance just in case someone tests positive with COVID-19. If you do test positive with COVID, please contact me directly as soon as possible, so that we can notify those who were present in our building. Your identity will be kept confidential. I will be the only person who knows. Peace, Pastor Michelle.

Coffee Hour Fellowship

If trends continue to be positive, we will be hosting in-person coffee fellowship starting after Worship on November 28th in Anderson Hall. Chairs will be properly spaced, and doors may be open to comply with state & federal guidelines (please don't close them) – you may want to bring a jacket.

Oh, Christmas Tree!

The tree will be delivered at 9am on Saturday, November 27th and Mic & Sharal will need a hand to get the tree into the Sanctuary and wired up. Please contact the office if you can help with this task.

Sanctuary Decorating

On November 28th after Worship and Coffee Fellowship, we will be gathering to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Bring a special bought or handmade ornament with your name and year on it to donate to and decorate the family tree under the skylights in Moller Hall.

Christmas Eve Worship

This year we will be having 2 Christmas Eve Services at 4pm and 6:30pm. We will require reservations due to the number of people who come from out of town for the holidays. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs or by calling or emailing the office. We will announce on Christmas Eve morning the number of available reservations left via email/Facebook for people who want to come at the last minute.

All Saints Sunday

If you cannot attend Worship this Sunday, November 7th, please contact the office with names of your loved ones who have passed to be remembered during All Saints Sunday.

Native American Celebration Sunday November 21st, 2021

> Advent Begins November 28th, 2021



Socks & Hygiene Goods Drive

Chaplains on the Harbor is opening their cold weather shelter in Westport on November 1st this year. We are collecting items for this mission. Specific needs are new socks & gloves, hygiene items, and hand & toe warmers. Hygiene items include soap, shampoo, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sunscreen/sunblock, lip balm, & masks We also collect 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 always welcome. Please bring any donations to the office during office hours. We will be looking for other donation spots, so if you can't make it into the office, please call us. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Tuesday Servant Mornings

Now that the community garden is done for the winter the staff and members will be doing Tuesday Servant Mornings from 9am-12pm. This will consist of working on The Rose Center, cleaning the church (Saron and The Rose Center), dropping off donation items to places and groups locally, organizing our winter sock/glove/hygiene drive and more. Do you have an hour to spare? Please contact the church office and we can get you plugged in. WE NEED THE HELP. If these hours do not work for you, we can get you signed up at other times to help.



3rd & K Food Giveaway On Thursday, October 21st. we were involved with another large food box giveaway that was put together by the Grays Harbor Food Security Network. 200 boxes of food that were donated by Cascadia Foods and Meadowsweet Farms were handed out from the vard of The Rose Center. We are proud to be a part of eradicating hunger. Let Teri know if you want to help with the next one.



Kids' Corner

Join us on *Thursdays at 4pm* on the church Facebook Page for Kids' Corner time. During the pandemic Kids' Corner is a way for us to do Sunday School and Children's Message from our homes

Community Garden

During the summer of 2021, the Community Garden Crew successfully harvested and donated 435+ pounds of fresh healthy vegetables to the Hoquiam Food Bank to help in the eradication of hunger. If you would like to join the Garden Crew, please contact the office. Planning for next year has already started and there are big things happening! We will be growing our own starts and putting in a fence and possibly irrigation system. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this ministry, please label it "Community Garden".

Union Gospel Mission DinnerNovember 15th – Team 1



Virtual Coffee Hour

You are invited to join us in our weekly Coffee Fellowship virtual Zoom gathering each Wednesday at 10am. The link is provided on Facebook before every meeting as well as in the Rose Blast every week. Join us! We would love to see your smiling face!

Update for December

If trends continue to be positive, we will be hosting in-person coffee fellowship starting December 1st.at 10:00am at Saron in the Fireside Room (moved into Anderson Hall if numbers are large). Chairs will be spaced, and doors may be open to comply with state & federal guidelines – you may want to bring a jacket.



Martha Circle Next meeting is November 4th at 1pm at Saron.



Quilters

Only 2 dates left this year! The next Quilting Group is November 11th at 9:00am until 12:00pm. The last group for 2021 will be on December 9th. Any questions, please call JoAnn Ray @ 360-532-6746.



L^3+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The next meeting is *Thursday, November* 18th at 1:00pm at Saron in the Fireside Room. Our current read is: *The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson.*Bring books to trade if you would like.
Hope to see you there!



Get A Life (Al-Anon Family Group)

holds hybrid meetings at The Rose Center twice a week.
Their meetings are open to everyone.

Mondays at 6pm-7pm
Wednesdays at 7pm-8pm

Get A Life Al-Anon Family Group https://www.southpugetsoundal-anon.org/

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization, or institution; does not engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. There are no dues for membership. Al-Anon is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic.

FUNDRAISERS

Our current priority fundraiser "Save the Steeple" does not officially kick off until 2022, but we are still collecting funds for this immense project. Below you can find opportunities to shop for the holidays all the while supporting the biggest project this church has seen in years.

Joyce's Jellies & Jams
We have Blackberry Jam
currently available at the
office for \$7 and Blackberry
Wine Jelly available for \$10,
handmade by Joyce
Easton.

Wide mouth jars and small rings are needed by Joyce if you have any to donate.
All proceeds go to **Save the Steeple.**



Gospel Garden Herbs

We have jars of Rosemary and Ground Sage for sale at \$10 each through the office. These herbs were lovingly grown this last summer at the Community Garden at The Rose Center and carefully bottled by LouJean. They will make excellent gifts for the holiday season. All proceeds go to **Save the Steeple.**

SERRV & Earn Program

Shop for the holidays and support hard working folks around the world making their beautiful handicrafts by going to serrv.org?a=saronfirst. Please make sure that the orange banner at the top of the website says that "20% of your online order today will be donated to Saron Lutheran/First Presbyterian Church" and all proceeds will benefit **Save the Steeple**. Check the free shipping offer below!



FREE

Ground Shipping on all \$50+ orders* November 8-22

Promo Code: SE4SERRV21

20% of your purchase will support our organization! Just use our custom web link & shop SERRV's collection of 1000+ handcrafts.

*This promotion is for personal orders only. Chocolate, Final Sale, Gift Cards, and Donations cannot be used to meet the \$50 minimum order value requirement. Custom web link must be used and promotional offer code must be entered at the time of the order, and neither can be applied after the order is submitted. Select free ground shipping as the ship method during check out.

PRAYER PAGES



Closing Prayer from the Iona Community by J. Philip Newell

God before me, God behind me, God above me, God beneath me. I on your path O God You, O God, on my way. In the twistings of the road In the currents of the river Be with me by day Be with me by night Be with me by day and by night.

Thanksgiving by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything thy goodness sends. **Amen.**

Deep Peace Prayer

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ,

of Christ the light of the world to you.

Deep peace of Christ to you.

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

- ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy place where the Most High dwells.

- ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields[d] with fire.

- He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Advent Prayer by - Henri J.M. Nouwen

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

Lisa Chappell, Chari Allen, Julie Wells, Sarah Rhodes, Vicki Mitchell, Rose Hirschler, Marlon (Mick) Shofner, Barbara Connolly, Carol, Roger, Kenny, Jamey, Ona Karnath, Jennifer Shelly, Ronnie Hicks, The Trusty Family, Leif Tangvald, Brad, Young Lee, Jane Bacon, Val Rhodes, Marge Dahlstrom, Pastor Alan Carlson, Breanna & Trey, Taylor Julian, Nathan, Floyd Hazelquist and his family, Vada Kohn, Cynthia Leedum, Stan and Bonnie, Dana Larson, Carol, Christopher Judd, Karyn Elayne Turner, Gus Schmidt, Michael Fleming, Steven McFail, Brendan, Gary Evans, Doris Rosenbach, Tom Petrich, Connie McCroskey, Mackenzie Murray, Wayne Carter

All of the kids and teachers, All people affected by COVID,
Oppressed Persons Everywhere,
Police Officers & First Responders, Firefighters.

For all of those who we speak now or for whom we think of in our hearts and minds

November 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC	2 ELECTION DAY 9a-12p Servant Tuesday	3 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC	4 1p Martha Circle 4p Kids' Corner on Facebook	5	6
7 DST ENDS 10a Worship @ Saron Council Meeting	8 6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC	9 9a-12p Servant Tuesday	10 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC	11 VETERANS DAY 9a-12p Quilting 4p Kids' Corner on Facebook	12	13
14 10a Worship @ Saron	15 UGM Team 1 6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC	9a-12p Servant Tuesday	17 10a Virtual Coffee Hour 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC PM vacation → 11/27	18 1p L^3+P=(RIOT) @Saron 2p Decorating Committee Meeting 4p Kids' Corner on Facebook	19	20
21 NATIVE AMERICAN CELEBRATION SUNDAY 10a Worship @ Saron	6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC OFFICE CLOSED → 11/29	23	24 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC	25 THANKSGIVING DAY	26	9am Christmas Tree delivery
28 ADVENT 1 10a Worship @ Saron w/ coffee hour fellowship & Sanctuary Decorating	29 6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC	30 9a-12p Servant Tuesday	12/1 10a Coffee Hour Fellowship at Saron			

Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be November 7th.



Assisting Minister Schedule

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in Anderson Hall. Help us help you! Please sign up or let Pastor Michelle or Teri know if you can assist.



Melinda Dyer	10-Nov	Stephanie Reime
Jimm Royal	12-Nov	Sherrilyn Owzarski
Kay Sund	13-Nov	Ingrid Larson
Kyle Smith	14-Nov	Leif Tangvald
Jeannette Bruun	18-Nov	Mardi Krusemark
Robin Nessa	21-Nov	Kirk Sund
Lynn Tangvald	24-Nov	Phil Olafsen
Sadie Gaddis	25-Nov	Maura Bruun
John Rhodes	25-Nov	Dan Varland
	Jimm Royal Kay Sund Kyle Smith Jeannette Bruun Robin Nessa Lynn Tangvald Sadie Gaddis	Jimm Royal 12-Nov Kay Sund 13-Nov Kyle Smith 14-Nov Jeannette Bruun 18-Nov Robin Nessa 21-Nov Lynn Tangvald 24-Nov Sadie Gaddis 25-Nov

Thank you for mailing in and dropping off your contributions!

There is now an offering box at Worship on Sundays.

September Numbers:

<u>Income:</u> \$12,032 <u>Expenses:</u> \$10,862 Difference: \$1170

October Numbers:

Income: \$10,959 Expenses: \$10,970 Difference: (\$11)

Property Notes

Property Committee Report

We now have an official Property Committee up and running. We met on Tuesday, November 2nd, and are working on how tasks are handled and tracked from here on out. We are putting together a book that will be kept on the table in the meeting hall downstairs at the church. The book will contain forms that you can fill out with maintenance requests. We are asking you to put as much detail as you can about your request on the form as well as your name, phone number and date requested. The forms will be reviewed, and it will be noted when the work has been worked on or completed. We are going to work on having the form available online in the Carillon and Rose Blast with a link to fill it out and send it back electronically. We are hoping this will make a better trail for maintenance needed and completed, from here out. Also, for those that are looking for something to do and want to help out at the church, you will be able to look in the book and see if there is a task that you would be willing to take on, complete the task and sign and date the form. This will hopefully make things easier for everyone moving forward. There will also be a clip board on the table with a sheet for simple request such as changing of a light bulb, etc.

Look for the book to be out by the end of this week. We need everyone's help with this. We will be changing out the fluorescent lights in the downstairs meeting areas to LED. Also, the lights going up the stairs in the hallway will be replaced with brighter ones. Hoping to complete this the first part of December. Martha's Circle has graciously offered to pay for the lights.

Thank You Martha Circle Ladies!!

Steeple Update

The Hoquiam Historical Commission has tabled our steeple project for now in hopes that they can walk alongside us in navigating historic preservation. Please keep us all in your prayers as we work with the commission and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Parsonage

The faulty fluorescent kitchen light has been replaced with a high efficiency LED light.

The Rose Center

We are proudly hosting Al-Anon meetings, safe visitation space and lots of music. If you or your group needs a space, contact Teri in the office.

Office Hours

Mon, Wed & Thu - 9a-1p Servant Tuesdays - 9a-12p (check Facebook for details on Tuesdays)

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