



# The Carillon

October 2022

Dear Church,

Firstly, a big thank you for the lovely card and flowers to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of my ordination. It was very thoughtful and kind, and I am blessed to have served here for the last 7 years.

October is such a beautiful month here with the leaves changing, the harvests coming in, and our cooler mornings. Here we are at the end of the church year and yet the beginning of our holiday season. It is a time of harvest and plenty even in the midst of so many unknowns for some of us. This time of year, I end up always reflecting on one or 2 of Jesus' parables that uses imagery of harvest, bounty, weeds, and seeds. One of the lesser-known ones "The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat" in Matthew 13 is one I recently came across.

One thing that stood out to me in the parable is the idea that the farmer tells the slave to not uproot the weeds,

*But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.*

*<sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '- Matthew 13:29-30*

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

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## **Church Staff**

Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp  
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& Bookkeeper*

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## **Council Members**

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Leaving the weeds in the ground and not pulling them out...I feel like that is something to reflect on. The weeds still had a purpose to grow with the wheat, probably in some ways helping the wheat with holding them up, creating the sturdiness of the soil, or maybe protecting the wheat from insects. Once they did separate the weeds from the wheat they were burned, and this actually shows us the weeds at the end of the existence change into a thing of even more use...ash. The weeds being burned made them into a source of heat out there in the fields and after being burned into ash they became a source for nutrients to blend into the soil. A common practice with ash is to add it to soil to help restore nutrient-depleted soil. People can add ash to soil to increase soil fertility and restore PH balance. So in this whole process the weeds still have purpose and can change and cause more growth in the future.

In this time of year when we see things starting to decompose, life cycles coming to an end, we remember still things can change, parts of us we don't like make us who we are and we can grow. From an end, new life can still spring forth. God calls all of creation to be loved and seen as good, even the weeds.

As we enter into our seasonally dark time of year what would it be like if we took this approach? Saw those things we think of as "weeds" as good and with purpose? Saw "weeds" as something with meaning to pushing us to grow? Saw "weeds" as maybe a helper to guide us along in life? What if we stopped and paused and reflected on how Jesus calls us to love all and approach life with love and grace.

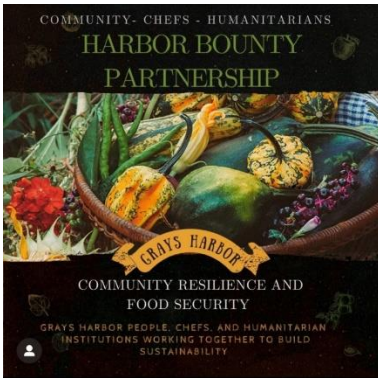
Peace,  
Pastor Michelle

### **It's Pastor Appreciation Month!**

We will be honoring Pastor Michelle with a brunch after worship on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us to thank Pastor Michelle for her service to our wonderful church and community.



# What's Happening at Saron-1st



## Harbor Bounty

*Building community resilience and food sovereignty in Grays Harbor County*

Harbor Bounty is a partnership gathering professional Chefs, humanitarians, and the community in Grays Harbor Washington.

### **The services of the partnership**

Harvest Bounty wants to offer families living in the food assistance gap empowerment services to build resilience and food security. For this purpose, Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church and Librairie Gourmande will host families in the food assistance gap for high level, fun, and informative culinary education and food distribution activities. These activities will endeavor to ensure the families are empowered for increased resilience and food security while also freeing their creativity and their imaginations, and finally, fully protecting their dignity as contributing members of the Grays Harbor community.

Our first event on September 27<sup>th</sup> was small but mighty. We learned how to make our own pizza and the kids had a ball. The class will be offered again on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30p-7:30p, and then will be a monthly class starting in January. Register by October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by stopping by at 708 8<sup>th</sup> St, Hoquiam, during our office hours (Mon, Wed, Thu 9am-1pm), or by calling us at 360-532-4611 and leaving a message if we are not there. We will call you back as soon as we are able. There is a simple form to fill out with very basic information.

What an exciting new ministry!

## **Fall Sunday School**

Sunday School is every Sunday! The Sunday school is for all ages under 6th grade, and older kids can be helpers. We have been following the Whirl curriculum that teaches Bible stories and connects it to kids' daily lives. We even have a short cartoon for each class to watch and tons of fun activities. Sunday school happens after the readings and choir performance. The kids come to worship and are dismissed downstairs for Sunday School to meet back up with their families for fellowship after worship.

## **Bible Study**

Our Bible Study this Fall is on the Book of Revelation from the Bible. This will be a ten-week study, on Wednesdays at 11:30am-12:30pm from September 16 - November 16. Have you ever been scared about the end times? Confused about what popular culture says versus the Bible? Are you curious about this last book of the Bible? If so, this class is for you! Revelation is a book about hope, transformation, and change. So much of what we learn in our wider culture (i.e., the Left Behind series and more) are cultural and historical interpretations not biblically grounded. We will be using the Bible in this study and the excellent book by Barbara R. Rossing titled "The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation." Bring a Bible (or borrow one from the church) and we have copies of the Rossing book for people. If we get more than 12 people, we will order some more! See you there!

## **Centering Prayer Time Tuesdays at the Rose Center**

Tuesdays starting on October 18th at 9:30am we will have a centering prayer for a half hour each week. During this time Pastor Michelle will share with us about different ancient forms of prayer (i.e., centering prayer, lectio divina, breath prayer, meditation etc.) and we will practice it as a group. This will meet in person and will also be live streamed on our Facebook for people to join in or participate at a later time.

## **Drop-In Grief Group Tuesdays at the Rose Center**

The first drop-in group is October 18th at 10am at the Rose Center. We are relaunching our grief group ministry here at Saron-1st. With the holiday season on the horizon, and all the losses many of us have experienced these past years, we are starting our "drop-in" grief support group. This is a safe space to share, listen, and support one another in our grief. All are welcome to join in no matter the loss and you do not have to be a church member or a Christian to come and join us.

Please note, our 10-week workshops for widow/widowers will begin in January 2023 so look for the sign up in the next couple of months.

## **Famous Last Words Sermon Series**

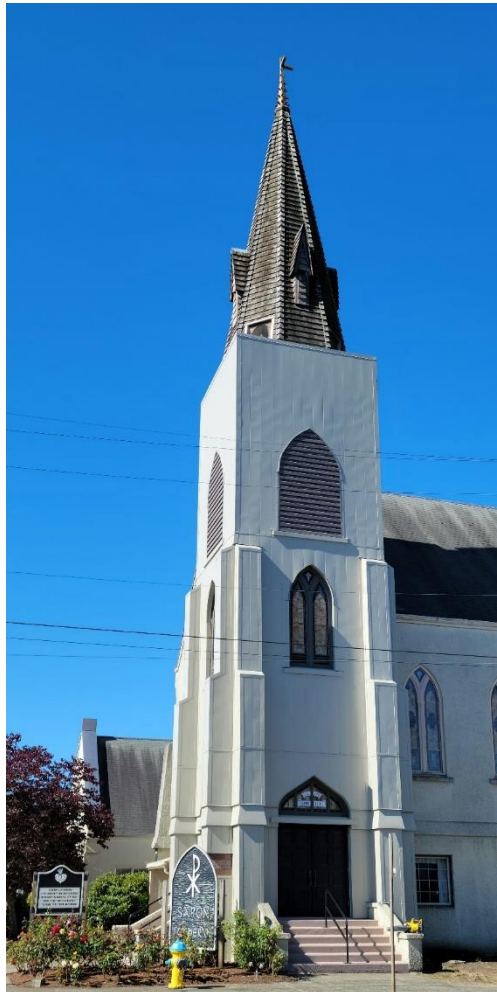
Did you know that Reformation Sunday kicks off the end of our church calendar year? Did you know that some of the ends of the books of the Bible actually feel like beginnings? Pastor Michelle was asked to write and be published as part of the sermon/prayer series called "Famous Last Words" for the magazine Fedelia, which is the magazine of Young Clergy Women International (YCWI). This series was put together for churches to use internationally to think through ends and beginnings of our own lives, books of the Bible, and the church year. We still will be celebrating our high holidays (Reformation, All Saints), but this year in worship we will be reflecting and pondering it through this lens of "famous last words." Sometimes when a chapter closes another one opens...with God there is not ending.

## **Youth Fall Fun: Pizza and a Pumpkin Patch**

After worship on October 30th the youth kids will have a pizza party in the Fireside Room and then head out to Chapman Farms in Montesano (239 Brady Loop RD E Montesano) with the families for some pumpkin patch fun! Please let Pastor Michelle by October 25th if you and your kid(s) are coming along so we can plan on the pizza.

# Save Saron Capital Campaign Update

The Steeple is complete, and we are looking forward to managing the rest of the water intrusion damage once we are sure there are no more leaks. The Save Saron campaign will resume, and we are still accepting donations for this incredibly worthy cause. See the back pages for ways to donate.





### **Gospel Garden**

Join us at the garden every Tuesday starting at 9am until we are finished for the day. We have harvested over 450 pounds of produce for the Hoquiam Food Bank so far! We are excited to learn and provide. Bring your kiddos! We want to teach them how to grow food and care for their neighbors!

### **Union Gospel Mission Dinner**

October 17<sup>th</sup> – Team 4

If you are interested in joining the team(s), please contact the office.

### **Harbor Bounty**

In partnership with Librairie Gourmand, our next cooking class and meals for folks who need a little extra help with food costs will be happening on the last October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Contact the office with questions or if you want to volunteer or even participate. See page 3 for more information on this wonderful ministry.



### **Get A Life (Al-Anon Family Group)**

holds hybrid meetings at The Rose Center (210 K Street, Hoquiam) twice a week. Their meetings are open to everyone.

*Mondays at 6pm-7pm*

*Wednesdays at 7pm-8pm*

### **Socks & Hygiene Goods Drive**

We are always collecting for our neighbors. 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. If you can't make it into the office, please call us.

Thank you for your generous hearts!



# Ministries

## **Coffee Hour**

You are invited to join us for our weekly Coffee Fellowship gathering each Wednesday at 10am in the Fireside Room at Saron.

## **Care and Community Team**

Please watch the Rose Blast for information on the next team meeting. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Pastor Michelle or the office.

## **Martha Circle**

The next meeting of Martha Circle will be at 1pm on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Your hostesses will be Marilyn Anderson & Nancy Rowley.

## **Bible Study**

After Coffee Fellowship each Wednesday at 11:30am we will be having a bible study in the Fireside Room. We are exploring the book of Revelation. Join us for education & fellowship.

## **Choir Practice**

Choir practice will be held in the choir room of Saron every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Join in to make some joyful noise!

## **L<sup>3</sup>+P=(RIOT) Book Club**

The next meeting is Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. Bring books to trade and a snack to share if you would like. Hope to see you there!

## **Quilting**

Quilting will be in Anderson Hall at Saron on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am and going until noon.

Any questions, please call JoAnn Ray at 360-532-6746.



# PRAYER PAGE

## **Praying with Creation** by Dennis Ormseth

Healing God, we look forward in hope to the day when by your mercy all things in your creation will be renewed and restored. You promised that your faithful people will be known as "repairers of the breach." Give us courage to lead our nation in care of the earth, and to assist you in the healing of all its inhabitants. Amen.

## **Golden Leaves Prayer**

We see signs of summer's passing  
in golden leaves,  
shortening days, misty mornings,  
autumn glow.

We sense its passing in rain that  
dampens,  
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty  
placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth  
both green shoot and hoar frost,  
sunrise and sunset,  
we bring our thanks  
for seeds that have grown,  
harvests gathered,  
storehouses filled,  
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests  
through winter's cold embrace,  
we look forward to its re-awakening  
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

Amen.

## **Praying Poem** by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch  
a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway  
into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.



## **Saint Francis's Vocation Prayer**

Most High, Glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of our minds.

Give us a right faith, a firm hope and a perfect charity,  
so that we may always and in all things act according to Your Holy Will.

Amen.

*Please keep the following in your prayers...*

*Josh Lovely, Jane Bacon, Nathan,  
Scott Julian, Jeannette Bruun, Ruth Hamilton,  
Cyndee Weaver-Smith, Shirley Ward,  
Sophie Nicholson, Beverly Carson, Marge Salstrom,  
Taylor Julian, Stephanie, Marie Ask, Barbara Bevans,  
Arbie Irwin, Lois Carroll, Cam Reeves, Diana Petrich,  
Iver Matheson, Mic Patton, Myles Robinson,  
Stephanie Anderson, Melissa Murray, Leona Bishop,  
Barbara Roberts, Barbara Easton, Melissa Murray,  
Pastor Linda Milks, Josh, Marianne Larson, Kiyari,  
Lisa Chappell, Chari Allen, Rose Hirschler,  
Ona Karnath, Jennifer Shelly, Brad, Young Lee,  
Jane Bacon, Val Rhodes, Marge Dahlstrom,  
Pastor Alan Carlson.*

*We also pray for those who are victims  
of war and violence,  
teachers and students, healthcare workers, first  
responders, police officers, fire fighters, oppressed &  
vulnerable persons, and persons affected by COVID.*

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

## OCTOBER @ Saron

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## **Council Meeting**

Next Council Meeting will be October 9, 2022, after worship service.



## **Assisting Minister Schedule**

Thank you so very much to Linda Borth for taking on the job of filling in the blanks of our Assisting Minister board. If you get a call from her, please remember that the jobs are not difficult, and anyone can be trained. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please consider assisting your congregation and Pastor in this important ministry.



## **OCTOBER**

4<sup>th</sup> Kim Homchick

7<sup>th</sup> John Larson

11<sup>th</sup> Bill Dyer

11<sup>th</sup> Katie Garrow

15<sup>th</sup> Linda Borth

19<sup>th</sup> Harold Warren

28<sup>th</sup> Brian Rhodes

29<sup>th</sup> Ray Kahler

30<sup>th</sup> Seppo Tuominen

31<sup>st</sup> JoAnn Ray

## **Birthday Celebrations**

The first Sunday of each month's fellowship coffee hour will be dedicated to celebrating the birthdays of that month.

# Supporting Saron-1st

## Donate directly via PayPal

Visit our website  
sarongraysharbor.org and click the  
donate button or follow the link  
below.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=HJLL4ZTG68TD6](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=HJLL4ZTG68TD6)



## Goods for Sale

Gospel Garden Herbs, Joyce's Jams & Jellies, Sharal's Scrubbies & Rick's Relish are available for purchase to benefit Save Saron.

## John Rhodes' Book

Our very own John Rhodes, Author, has graciously set out some of his books for sale in Anderson Hall and has pledged 15% of the sales made here at Saron will go towards the Save Saron fund. Contact the office if you are interested.

## Amazon Smile

We are set up with the Amazon Smile program! If you are going to shop on Amazon, sign in to [here](#) to allow a percentage to go towards your favorite charity - Saron-1st!



## SERRV International

Thank you for supporting Saron-1st this spring by shopping fair trade at SERRV International!

Shop from

<https://www.serrv.org/?a=saronfirst>

and we'll earn 20% for our nonprofit. We think you'll love this great deal and the beautiful products SERRV has to offer. All proceeds benefit Save Saron fund.

## Thrivent

Thrivent, a Lutheran-founded, not-for-profit financial services organization, has programs in place to assist with special congregation projects or help you designate funds. If you have a Thrivent account and you'd like to consider gifting to your church through their programs, contact your Thrivent representative.

# Property Notes

## Property Committee

Property Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

### Property Issues?

There is a Property Maintenance binder and a corresponding clipboard on the literature table in Moller Hall. The clipboard 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 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.

### The Rose Center

We are proudly hosting Al-Anon meetings, safe visitation space, some catering/baking, celebrations of life, and lots of music. Our retreat space is coming together with beds, desks and even some artwork.

**There will be a wish list published soon for bedding and towels.**

**Contact the office with questions.**

If you or your group needs a space, contact Teri in the office.

#### Office Hours

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

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