



The Carillon

May 2023

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

Dear Church,
Today on April 24th the sun is finally shining!
It has been a long cold and wet winter here in
Grays Harbor. Now we are in the church
season of Easter, where we get to celebrate
renewal, rebirth, and growth. What a
wonderful time to be alive as we renew with
the flowers sprouting up and blooming.
Yesterday Claire pointed out to me after
church that the buds are finally showing up on
the lilac bush as we were rained on- hope that
spring is finally here. Renewal. What a
wonderful and loaded word.

When I arrived here back in November
2015 as your pastor I was specifically hired on,
because I am a specialized clergy in mission
starts and renewal ministry. That means I'm
one of the ones that gets called to help a
congregation renew and process through how
God is calling them as a church and looking at
ways we can grow spiritually and as a
community. Part of that renewal process led us
into the wonderful process of merging and
becoming Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian
Church. This was an intentional process of 2
years and once our churches became 1, we
experienced sustainable growth in ministries
and membership.

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Church Staff

Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp
Senior Pastor

Teri Julian
*Administrative Assistant
& Bookkeeper*

Kari Hasbrouck
Music & Worship Director

Troy George
Choir Director

Michael "Willis" Martinez-Wells
Custodian

Sue Swantek
Wednesday Coffee Hour Host

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Back in 2018 I discussed after the merger that I would be up for a sabbatical time for rest and renewal in 2020, which is following clergy guidelines. Through the end of 2018 and into early 2019 the mutual ministry team (Carrie Larson and Sue Varland) helped me develop and apply for a highly competitive national sabbatical grant from the Lily Foundation called the Lily Foundation Clergy Renewal Program (<https://lillyendowment.org/for-grantseekers/renewal-programs/>). The point of this grant is to help fund clergy sabbaticals for research in areas that will renew them and their congregations. The main theme of the grant we wrote was to connect directly into the development of our new ministries at The Rose Center regarding spiritual formation and retreat. The theme for this research and renewal grant I was awarded for 2020 (and postponed due to COVID) is:

Pilgrimage of the Soul and Body through Prayer: connecting today's church with ancient rituals and modern forms of prayer to restore the spirit through Celtic spiritual practices (walking, spiraling, and labyrinth prayer) and other early practices (chanting, meditation, Taizé worship, pilgrimage, yoga, lighting candles).

Now even in 2023 after COVID and everything this theme is still relevant for our church. We as a church still are miraculously experiencing growth in our ministries and membership! This is not what many other mainline churches nationally are experiencing. We are a small, but very active church. And burnout can happen for all. This renewal is allowing space to explore and reflect on how we can sustainably expand our ministries specifically in areas of spiritual growth, while also making a shift of asking what spiritual support and focus our neighborhood and community needs. For a more detailed explanation please ask the office for a copy of the grant application and you can read it if you would like.

Lastly, I have never done a sabbatical before, so I am not an expert on the benefits of it. Pastor Beth Utto-Galarneau from St. Mark's in Lacey has graciously written a letter specifically to our congregation to explain the benefits to herself and St. Mark's had when she went on sabbatical. Pastor Beth you might know served at Amazing Grace over a decade ago. St. Mark's is one of the strongest churches in our synod developing some amazing ministries and listening to God's call. Her letter is published following this letter. Thank you for reading this letter and before this time begins in mid-August, we have lots of things still happening we hope you will join us for!

Peace,

Pastor Michelle

Dear good people of Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church,

My name is Beth Utto-Galarneau. I am co-pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lacey, WA, and Dean of the South Sound Conference of the Southwest Washington Synod. I served on the Harbor for 10 years at Amazing Grace and am a friend of Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp.

I am writing to thank you for offering Pastor Michelle a sabbatical this year. The Southwest Washington Synod Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Clergy and Deacons recommends congregations grant a 12-week sabbatical leave to their pastor after each 5 years of service to the congregation. The reasons are many. Pastors work long hours. We do a wide variety of tasks—we are preachers, teachers, counselors, administrators, coordinators, coffee makers, toilet fixers, and more. We are on call at all times. Our busiest times are also times that our culture associates with “family time”—evenings, weekends, and holidays. Even when we are very intentional, it can be difficult to carve out regular time off for rest and renewal because life happens, and we are here for you in times of sorrow, crisis, and joy.

The average length of a pastoral call in the ELCA is 3.6 years. Most often a pastoral transition is initiated by the pastor. I know from my own experiences and the experiences of colleagues; it is hard to sustain the regular pace of life as a parish pastor. Many pastors transition to new calls because a change in this pace is needed. A sabbatical provides this change in pace for pastor and congregations without the major disruption of a change in pastoral leadership. Sabbaticals give permission to not only slow down, but also to renew.

As a pastor who took her first full sabbatical in 2018 after 25 years of ordained ministry, I can affirm, this time for rest and renewal is life-giving—not only for pastors, but also for congregations. We all need times and spaces to breathe deep the life-giving breath of God, but we don’t always know how to do that in the midst of everything else we do. Sabbaticals offer this holy time and sacred space. This is their primary purpose. For me, one of the greatest gifts of my sabbatical was that I remembered who I am—not just as a pastor, but also as a person. I was able to step aside from my regular pastoral duties and immerse myself in being me—a mom, a wife, a daughter, a sibling, a friend, an artist, a learner, an explorer, a loved child of God. Upon my return from sabbatical, this also made me a better pastor. Healthier pastors and healthier congregations go hand in hand. The best sabbaticals not only offer time and space to clergy but also to the congregation.

As you prepare for your sabbatical in mid-August, please keep this holy time in your prayers. Pray for Pastor Michelle to be able to step aside from her regular pastoral duties so she can rest and renew. Also, contemplate how you, the people of Saron, will take time for rest and renewal as you are offering this gift to Pastor Michelle? And as you come back together in Advent, how will you celebrate this reunion and share your experiences?

Thank you for offering Pastor Michelle this sacred time. I pray for her and her family and I pray for you as you prepare for this holy journey of rest and renewal together.

God’s blessings,



Rev. Beth A. Utto-Galarneau
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Outreach Challenge

Watch the Rose Blast and check the bulletin boards for the monthly challenge item to be brought for our friends in need. There will be a box at the top of the stairs outside of the Sanctuary as well as the usual box in Moller Hall to place your item. If we all bring 1 of these challenge items each week, we will be full and ready to help our friends in our community.

Thank you for your generous hearts!

Community Meal

We have sign-up sheets available for the May 31st community meal. We will need set-up crew, clean-up crew, donations of bread, salad, dessert, and drinks. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. The meals run 5pm-6:30pm.

Union Gospel Mission

Team 3 will be making dinner for our friends on May 15th. If you are interested in joining a team, please contact Teri in the office.



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

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

Gospel Garden

Join us Tuesdays, at 9:00am at The Rose Center on **May 9th** to begin our growing adventures. Last year we provided the food bank with over 500 pounds of fresh produce! If you have an hour to give, come and join our small garden crew through the summer. Bring the kids to help! Let our hearts be good soil and join us to help feed our community. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this ministry, please label it "Gospel Garden". FYI some mornings we might be done early due to projects being wrapped up or the weather.



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.

Bible Study

Highlights of the Gospels

Wednesdays at 11:30am in the Fireside Room.

We will be going through the gospels chronologically reading through the major events. Maybe there are some stories you didn't know about Jesus or some insights to be gained. Come and join our lively discussion time!

Choir Practice

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



L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The next meeting is Thursday, May 18th, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. Bring books to trade if you would like. Hope to see you there!

Martha Circle Potluck

The next meeting of Martha Circle will be at 12pm on Thursday, May 4th. This is the final meeting until fall, so bring your potluck dish! Your hostesses will be Becky Root & Gretchen Klein.

Quilting

The Quilters meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 9am until Noon. All are welcome to assist in this beautiful endeavor that brings warmth around the world. Any questions, please call JoAnn Ray at 360-532-6746.

Harbor Hope

Collecting and giving away food boxes each Wednesday at The Rose Center or at the Community Meal at Saron-1st on the last Wednesday of the month.



PRAYER PAGES

For Flowers That Bloom

For flowers that bloom
about our feet;
For tender grass, so
fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum
of bee;
For all things fair we hear
or see,
Father in heaven, we
thank Thee!

For blue of stream and
blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of
branches high;
For fragrant air and
cooling breeze;
For beauty of the
blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we
thank Thee!

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Psalm 104:10-23

- ¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.
¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their
habitation;
they sing among the branches.
¹³ From your lofty abode you water the
mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your
work.
¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the
seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come
creeping out.
²¹ The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
²² When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
²³ People go out to their work
and to their labour until the evening.

Amen!

Fill My Soul Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the unsurmountable beauty of the green rolling hills, the magnificent sounds in the warm air, the prismatic colors that surround us, and the sunshine beaming down from the cloud-smearred skies. This is just a fraction of the wonderfulness of heaven, but this is the most beauty my human eyes have seen. So, Lord, I pray that You would capture this exquisite scene and fill my soul with it. For the rest of my days, I want to be filled with this.

This picture...because this picture is You.
In Your name, I pray. **Amen.**

Please keep the following in your prayers...

Harper, Skylar Lake, Sherri Owzarski, Sharal & Mic Patton, Sanford Cole, Nathan, Ken Matheson, Harry & Judy Brady, Viera, Stephanie Anderson, Clarence Hamre, Michael, Don Frick, Nita Cross, Lauren, Pastor Sonja Selboe, Jane Bacon, Jeannette Bruun, Shirley Ward, Sophie Nicholson, Beverly Carson, Marge Salstrom, Taylor Julian, Stephanie, Marie Ask, Barbara Bevans, Arbie Irwin, Diana Petrich, Iver Matheson, Myles Robinson, Melissa Murray, Leona Bishop, Barbara Roberts, Pastor Linda Milks, Josh, Marianne Larson, Kiyari, Lisa Chappell, Chari Allen, Rose Hirschler, Ona Karnath, Jennifer Shelly, Brad, Young Lee, 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.*

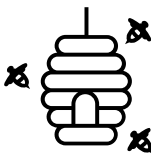
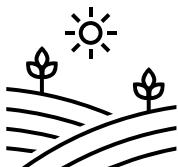
*For all of those who we speak now
or for whom we think of in our hearts and minds.*

MAY @ Saron

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10a W/W Grief Group PM at Presbytery-Clergy retreat	PM at Presbytery-Clergy retreat	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Practice	12p Martha Circle Potluck	CINCO DE MAYO	Synod Assembly at Messiah in Auburn
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5 EASTER 10a Worship (Choir) w/Sunday School Baptism 11a Birthday Fellowship 1:30p VASA	10a W/W Grief Group	Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Practice	9a-12p Quilting		
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MAY @ The Rose Center

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5:30p-7:30p GAL AFG	9am Gospel Garden	11a Harbor Hope 6:30p- 8:30p GAL AFG		CINCO DE MAYO	
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Birthday Celebrations

The first Sunday of each month's Fellowship Coffee Hour will be dedicated to celebrating the birthdays of that month.

MAY

- 3 - Lunabelle Julian
- 4 - Roger Borth
- 8 - Gabriel Nessa
- 10 - Hank Bilderback
- 13 - Diana McCallister
- 16 - Doris Ellingson
- 17 - Hannah Hasbrouck
- 18 - Carrie Larson
- 28 - Nola Bell
- 29 - Emilee Pelan
- 30 - Jade Sandstrom



Assisting Minister Schedule

We have created an Assisting Minister binder that is available for you to sign up to assist at worship service and fellowship on Sundays. This binder should be available in the sanctuary as well as in Anderson Hall after services and then on Wednesdays during coffee hour and bible study. Contact Teri if you have questions. An abbreviated "job description" is available in the front of the binder. Training is also available if that would be helpful.

Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be
May , 2023, after worship
service.

115th Annual Meeting

Copies of the report are
available on the table in
Moller Hall

Attendance & Contributions

(in-person attendance & contributions includes mail-in)

Date	Adults	Youth	Contributions
4/2/2023	48	6	\$3118.00
4/6/2023	31	2	\$20.00
4/7/2023	16	0	0
4/9/2023	68	12	\$3291.00
4/16/2023	48	6	\$1437.00
4/23/2023	37	5	\$803.00
4/30/2023	27	4	\$1416.00

Service in Action

And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. [Deuteronomy 10:19](#)

LCSNW embodies this verse from Deuteronomy in how we care for “foreigners”. We provide affordable and empathetic guidance to those seeking refuge and pursuing legal immigration status. The definition of foreigner is a person not belonging to a particular place or group, a stranger or outsider. Haven’t we all felt like a foreigner at one point in time, or currently feel that way - as an outsider. We invite you to join us as we care for those who feel this way!

While LCSNW has a wide spectrum of services, one to highlight is our newly branded Safe Route Immigration program. Safe Route Immigration, a program of Lutheran Community Services Northwest, provides accessible legal services to refugees and immigrants in Portland, Beaverton, McMinnville, and Salem, Oregon, along with Vancouver, Tacoma, and Seattle, Washington. We’re committed to growing alongside our clients and have expanded our services over the past four decades to include immigrant rights advocacy, community education, and legal guidance for clients on their journey to becoming fully integrated members of American society.



LCSNW Safe Route Immigration Program By the Numbers:

5,000	Clients served last year
1500	Legal intake consultations
700	Citizenship applications submitted
643	Green cards received
420	Family Reunifications
300	DACA (Dreamer) renewals completed
300	Green card renewals completed
74	Victim Protections awarded
46	Asylum cases granted
4	Lawyers
2	New Paralegals



“FUN”draiser

Youth Spaghetti Feed & Dessert Auction Fundraiser
Wednesday, May 17th at 5:00pm-7:00pm
\$10 per person/\$30 for family of 4
Anderson Hall at Saron

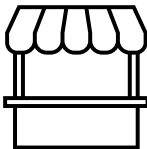
Help get our kids fund Sunday School, VBC and go to family camp this year as well as support Save Saron! The youth will be putting on spaghetti feed to raise funds to go to camp and help contribute to fixing our historic wall. The spaghetti dinner is being donated by Casa Mia! Your ticket includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a drink. The kids will also be hosting a live dessert auction! Casa Mia is sponsoring this wonderful **fundraising** event for our youth!

Flea Market & Plant Sale

Saturday, June 3rd 9:00am-3:00pm
The Rose Center, 210 K Street, Hoquiam

Notes for contributors/vendors:

This sale is replacing the annual Rummage Sale that has traditionally been held at Saron. Please bring your pre-priced items after 7:30am on June 3rd to set up by 9:00am. There are a few tables available, but we ask that you bring your own table/set-up if possible. We are asking that each contributor/vendor removes their own items at the end of the sale, as we will not be taking any leftovers this year. Martha Circle will provide the cashier and check out table for the sale. All proceeds benefit the stained-glass window and west wall.



Supporting Saron-1st

We are currently working to restore the historic west wall and the stained-glass window. Please help save this wall so the church will stand for another 125 years! There are a few ways to contribute: donate to the Save Saron campaign online, volunteer at one of our fundraisers, and/or attend one of our fundraising events! There are signup sheets for these events on the table in Moller Hall.

Donate directly via PayPal

Visit our website

www.sarongraysharbor.org and click the donate button or follow the link below.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=HJLL4ZTG68TD6

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.



Goods for Sale

Joyce's Rose Wine Jelly (\$15), Gospel Garden Herbs (\$10), Joyce's Wine Jelly (\$5/sm \$10 lg), Joyce's Blackberry Jam (\$7 each), Rick's Green Tomato Relish, Peach Jam, Orange Jam & Sweet Chili Sauce (\$5 each), Rick's Pepper Jelly (6/10 on the heat scale - \$7), & Sharal's Scrubbies (3 for \$10) are available for sale through the office. Proceeds benefit Save Saron.

John Rhodes' Book

Our very own John Rhodes, Author, has graciously set out some of his books for sale in Moller 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.

Property Notes

Property Committee

Property Committee Meeting TBD

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 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, the occasional Girl Scout meeting, and lots of music. Our retreat space is coming together with beds, desks and even some artwork.

For the retreat space, our wish list for the items we need can be viewed and purchased from this link: <https://a.co/3BLKTVD>

Please feel free to share this link.

Contact the office with questions.

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

Office Hours

Mon, Wed, & Thurs
9:00am - 1:00pm
Tues @ TRC (210 K St)
9:00am - TBD

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