



# The Carillon

August 2023  
the Sabbatical Edition

Dear Church,

Back in the May 2023 letter I wrote about my upcoming sabbatical. I shared about the theme, the highly competitive Lily Endowment Grant we received, and the whole postponement due to COVID. Please, if you haven't read that letter go back and read it. Also in that newsletter, we included a letter explaining the benefits of sabbatical by Pastor Beth Utto-Galarneau from St. Mark's in Lacey.

Well, here we are, and the sabbatical is about to begin. This sabbatical is a time where I learn, research, and renew, and bring the information, skills, and experiences back to our church to help grow our faith, ministries, and church. 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. Our church is phenomenal at feeding our neighbors and some other things, so with this sabbatical we are delving into spiritual development and growth of individuals and small groups. And this is the call for our church to do it too— not checkout but intentionally reflect.

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

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## **Church Staff**

Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp  
*Senior Pastor*

Teri Julian  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Bookkeeper & Custodian*

Kari Hasbrouck  
*Music & Worship Director*

Troy George  
*Choir Director*

Sue Swantek  
*Wednesday Coffee Hour  
Host*

## **Council Members**

Ruth Hamilton, President  
Ray Kahler, Vice President  
Mike Erkinen, Secretary  
Tony Enzler, Treasurer  
Sharal Patton  
Teri Moody  
Linda Borth  
Joyce Easton  
LouJean O'Brien

This grant is also for the congregation while I am gone. The grant makes it possible for us to afford to bring in a variety of preachers to talk about different themes connected directly with the sabbatical that I will be doing simultaneously. Themes like pilgrimage, journaling, the prayer practice of walking a labyrinth, silence, art, and more. Please take advantage of this opportunity and come to worship and hear from different voices during this intentional time. It will be a joyous and wonderful time in the church. We have included in this newsletter the schedule for Sunday themes and preachers during sabbatical time.

I pray that all of us use this time to reflect, renew and grow as Christians...finding the peace and joy centered in God. These last few weeks as I prepare to leave, I keep going back to Psalm 46:10, *Be still, and know that I am God*. God is with us always in the chaos of life and also in the stillness. How is God calling you this season to find a moment of peace or joy grounded in the Lord? God is with you always—we just have to pause and see.

I will be keeping each of you in my prayers during this time of learning, renewal, reflection, and rest. Also please join us Sunday, August 6th at worship and fellowship for my sendoff celebration.

Peace,  
Pastor Michelle

### **Pastoral Emergency on-call/visits during Sabbatical**

Pastor Michelle has scheduled local clergy for pastoral emergency on-call care. We also have a Pastor/Deacon willing to do visits if people just want to check in. Care Team member, Joyce Easton, has been trained in administering pre-blessed communion. Joyce will be doing monthly visits to our shut-ins. The voice mail at the church will be updated regularly with the phone number for the Pastor on-call. Pastoral emergency are hospitalization, serious illness, family crisis, and/or death.

**We wish  
Pastor Michelle, Phil and Claire  
the most fantastic of voyages!**



## **Sabbatical Sunday Worship 2023**

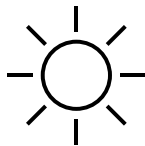
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Worship Service Theme</u></b>
8-6-23	Worship and Pastor's Leave-Taking Celebration Sunday.
8-13-23	Preparing for the Journey: Journaling with Pastor Pam Hunter. Retired Pastor, artist and Saron-1st member Rev. Pam Hunter will lead us through traditional worship and how journaling can help us reflect in our faith.
8-20-23	What is Pilgrimage?: Traditional Worship led by Rev. Dr. Amanda Kersey with reflection on their own life pilgrimage with God.
8-27-23	Pilgrimage through God's Creation: Message shared by retired Pastor Mary Davison, avid hiker and Lutheran pastor who has written about the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails.
9-3-23	What is a Labyrinth?: Worship will be led by Executive Presbyter Shari Monson-Jackson who specializes in labyrinth walks.
9-10-23	Our Mission and Identity: Worship service led by Treasurer Tony Enzler and Council President Ruth Hamilton reflecting on our identity as a church and our mission statement.
9-17-23	Remember Your Baptism: Traditional worship service led by Rev. Dr. Amanda Kersey reflecting on our baptism, on who we are as children of God.
9-24-23	What is a Pilgrimage? Journals Part 2 Retired Pastor, artist and Saron-1st member Pastor Pam Hunter will share about how art is part of her own spiritual pilgrimage and have the church participate.
10-1-23	Incorporating Silence in Worship (Silence as Pilgrimage): In anticipation of Pastor Michelle's Silent Retreat at St. Placid Priory, the congregation will incorporate silence into the worship service, similar to Quaker meetings, but with familiar liturgy balancing the experience. Pastor and Chaplain Matt March will be presiding and preaching at this traditional worship service.
10-8-23	Pilgrimage through Art: Pottery. Pastor Beth Utto-Galarneau of St. Mark's in Lacey, who is a potter, will share about how art is part of her own spiritual pilgrimage and have the church participate. This will be a traditional service.
10-15-23	Yoga/Movement/Exercise as Prayer/Pilgrimage: This is a traditional worship led by Rev. Dr. Amanda Kersey that will reflect on how

	in our bodies we can embody prayer and pilgrimage...like ancient prayer practices.
10-22-23	<p>What is a Pilgrimage?:  Special speaker and presider for worship is Bishop Rick Jaech of the Southwestern Washington Synod. He has traveled many pilgrimage routes and will share about those experiences.</p>
10-29-23	<p>Joyful Music Worship: Pilgrimage with Music and Also Pilgrimage through Art at Holden.  This is a singing Sunday led by Music Director Kari Hasbrouck and Choir Director Troy George. This is Reformation Sunday and will be a joyous occasion and celebration. Church member Carrie Larson will be sharing about her time as an artist-in-residence at Holden Village.</p>
11-5-23	<p>What is a Pilgrimage: The idea of pilgrimage, retreat, and renewal will be led by Chaplain and Pastor Tammy Stampfil. Rev. Stampfil will also share about her time in the Holy Land.</p>
11-12-23	<p>Hopes for the Future A traditional service led by Council President Ruth Hamilton and Treasurer Tony Enzler, anticipating the sabbatical's conclusion with hopes for the future</p>
11-19-23	<p>What is a Pilgrimage?: Native American Celebration Sunday  Rev. Linda Smith will lead worship to celebrate Native American Celebration Sunday. She will share from her Native American perspective the idea of pilgrimage and spiritual journeys.</p>
11-26-23	<p>Christ the King Sunday: Pilgrimage through the lectionary year...as a form of ritual and practice. This will be led by Rev. Matt March.</p>
12-3-23	<p>12-3-23 – Sunday Service: Pastor's Return Celebration: Advent 1 and Holiday Dinner  This will be a traditional service led by Pastor Michelle with some reflections on her own pilgrimage and Tony and Ruth will offer some from the church. This will be a lovely Advent 1 service with special music, a blessing of return, prayers and a large meal of Holiday Dinner afterward to celebrate</p>

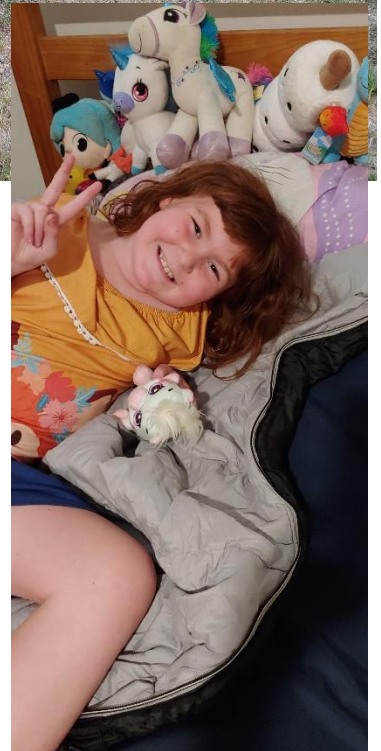
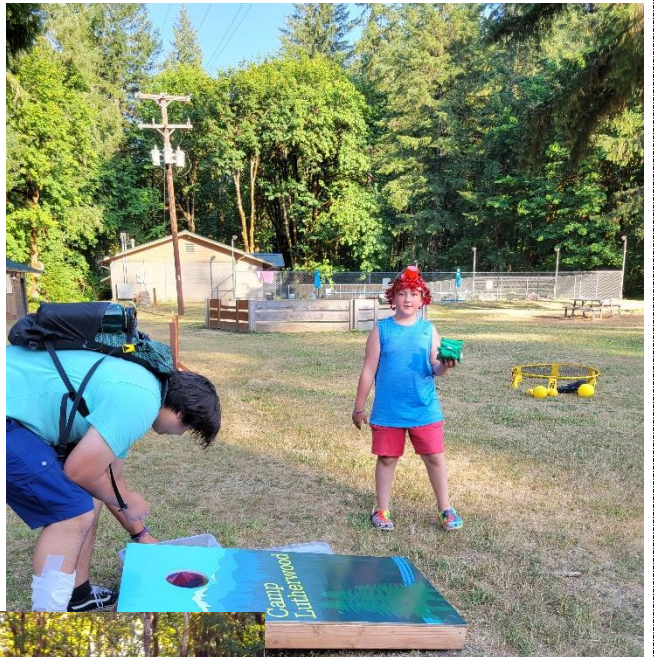


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# Aberdeen Founders Day Parade





### **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 August 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2 will be making dinner for our friends on August 21<sup>st</sup>. 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**

Please join us on Tuesdays, at 9:00am at The Rose Center, 210 K St! 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, but mighty, 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".





# 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**

Take This Bread by Sara Miles  
Wednesdays at 11:30am in the Fireside Room

September 6-October 18th.

This book is one of Pastor Michelle's favorite faith journey autobiographies. This is a story about how journalist Sara Miles wandered into a church and found herself transformed by the power of communion.

She was raised an atheist and scorned religion and then in the power of communion her life changed. A great explanation from the publisher on this book is, " *Take This Bread is rich with real-life Dickensian characters—church ladies, millionaires, schizophrenics, bishops, and thieves—all blown into Miles's life by the relentless force of her newfound calling. Here, in this achingly beautiful, passionate book, is the living communion of Christ.*"

Miles really calls us to talk about the power of communion, who is welcome at the table and more. It is just a wonderful book exploring faith and being human. Each week one of us will lead that discussion time over the chapters. Please join us!

## **L^3+P=(RIOT) Book Club**

The next meeting is Thursday, August 17th, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. Bring books to trade if you would like. Hope to see you there!

## **Martha Circle**

The next meeting of Martha Circle will be Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

## **Quilting**

The Quilters are taking the summer off and will resume on September 14<sup>th</sup>. They will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Giving away food boxes each Wednesday at The Rose Center at approximately 11am.

# PRAYER PAGES

## **A Gaelic Blessing—By John Rutter (1978)**

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  
Of Christ, the light of the world to you  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

Psalm 46:10-11

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.

## **Blessing from Anam Cara" by John O'Donohue.**

May the light of your soul guide you.  
May the light of your soul bless the work  
You do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.  
May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul. May the sacredness  
of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those  
Who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.  
May your work never weary you.  
May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and  
excitement.  
May you be present in what you do.  
May you never become lost in the bland absences.  
May the day never burden you.  
May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams,  
Possibilities and promises.  
May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.  
May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected. May your soul  
calm, console and renew you.  
Amen.

## **A Celtic Prayer**

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.  
May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,  
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.  
And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,  
like a candle set in the window of a house,  
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.  
And may the blessing of the rain be on you,  
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,  
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,  
and sometimes a star.  
And may the blessing of the earth be on you,  
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,  
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;  
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.  
May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly;  
up and off and on its way to God.  
And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.

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

*The family of Clarence Hamre, Barbara Fairchild, Lynn Tangvald, Frank Tinney,  
The Kelsey Family, Mic Patton, Bob & his family, Barbara Julian, Harper,  
Skylar Lake, Sherri Owzarski, Sanford Cole, Nathan, Ken Matheson,  
Stephanie Anderson, Michael, Don Frick, Nita Cross, Lauren,  
Pastor Sonja Selboe, Jane Bacon, Jeannette Bruun, Shirley Ward,  
Sophie Nicholson, Beverly Carson, Marge Salstrom, 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.*



# AUGUST @ Saron

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		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC</b>  5-8p National Night Out at TRC	10a Coffee Hour		<b>PM - Wedding Dress Rehearsal Mason Lake</b>	<b>PM - Saron-1<sup>st</sup> Wedding at Mason Lake</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>LECT 18 (PENT 10)</b> <b>PM final service before Sabbatical</b> 10a Worship 11a Fellowship & PM Luncheon/Birthday Celebration		<b>Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC</b>  6p Property Meeting	10a Coffee Hour			
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>LECT 19 (PENT 11)</b>  10a Worship 11a Fellowship		<b>Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC</b>	10a Coffee Hour	1p L^3+P=(RIOT)		
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<b>LECT 20 (PENT 12)</b>  10a Worship 11a Fellowship	UGM Team 2	<b>Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC</b>	10a Coffee Hour			<b>WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<b>LECT 21 (PENT 13)</b>  10a Worship 11a Fellowship	<b>Office Closed - Teri on vacation</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>  <b>9a Volunteers @ TRC</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>  10a Coffee Hour  5-6:30p Community Meal	<b>Office Closed</b>		

# AUGUST @ The Rose Center

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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.

## **AUGUST**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Annette Biornstad  
9<sup>th</sup> - Pat Warren  
13<sup>th</sup> - Aaron Dyer  
14<sup>th</sup> - Isabelle Dyer  
15<sup>th</sup> - Jenny Fisher  
18<sup>th</sup> - Amy Ballard  
19<sup>th</sup> - Sue Swantek  
25<sup>th</sup> - Lois Carroll  
25<sup>th</sup> - Sarah Little  
26<sup>th</sup> - Lori Renee'  
28<sup>th</sup> - Michelle de Beauchamp  
30<sup>th</sup> - Ed Rosi

## **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 September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, after worship service.

## **115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

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



## **Attendance & Contributions**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
6/4	47	4	\$4406
6/11	39	6	\$2935
6/25	46	7	\$988
7/2	31	1	\$4031
7/9	38	4	\$1121
7/16	34	3	\$4303
7/23	33	1	\$40
7/30	45	6	\$1962

# Supporting Saron-1<sup>st</sup>

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](http://www.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)

## 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 August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Fireside Room.

## 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, meditation, bridal showers, the occasional Girl Scout meeting, and lots of music.

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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