

The Carillon

February & March 2024 Lenten & Holy Week Edition

Dear Church,

Lent is almost upon us. This is a 40-day period in the church year for reflection and renewal. It is a time for us to prepare our hearts and journey with Jesus toward the cross and the resurrection on Easter morning. I want to encourage each of us to be intentional with this time of Lent this year. Let us each use this time to reflect on how God is calling to steward our church and the community. How is it you can help and show God's love here in Grays Harbor?

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116th Annual Meeting February 25th after worship service Welcoming all to a faith community of service and love.

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Our stewardship drive this year was centered on Paul's letter to the church in Corinth where he wrote, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you were not able to pledge this year monetarily, then I ask for you to take this time of Lent to reflect on how you can tithe with your time and talents. Do you crochet or knit? Great! Let us know! We could figure out a way to get you yarn to make hats for those in need during the cold season. Are you able to clean dishes? Great! Let us know! We could have you help do dishes at a community meal or fundraiser. The dishwasher is easy— I promise! Are you a good listener? Great! Let us know. Help out by making some visits or phone calls to a few shutins.

How can we cheerfully give to our church and community? I know that after Easter historically in our congregation many of us get busy and do not show up much (especially when Easter is early–like this year), and our ministries need to keep functioning and happening all year round. We need people to give (even just an hour a week) of their time and talents for our church to continue to GROW and expand in a sustainable way. We need all different kinds of gifts to help spread the love and kingdom right here in Hoquiam. If you are not able to give of your time or talents this year, consider maybe tithing a little more–every dollar helps us live into the mission of our church. If you need guidance in figuring out how to help at church, please make an appointment with me– I love doing spiritual gifts inventory with people!

And for all of you who already give in countless ways, thank you for your continued support and care of our church and the wider community. It takes each one of us to keep the message of hope and love expanding here on the Harbor. Thank you for all that you do.

Peace, Pastor Michelle

Lenten Devotional

Living Well Through Lent 2024:

Practicing Forgiveness with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind This is a daily devotional for Lent 2024 put together by Living Compass. Living Compass is a wonderful organization that Pastor Michelle and many clergy and lay people have had training through about how faith is central in our own personal journeys toward wellness and wholeness. They work with individuals, congregations and other communities with training and tools to journey toward wellness. Their devotion this year is designed for daily reflections and "making-it-personal" questions that offer an opportunity to delve deeper into the theme of forgiveness during the season of Lent. They have included an additional section with prayers, Scripture, quotes, and spiritual practices related to the practice of forgiveness. The hope with this devotional is to provide a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Lent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Easter. The links for this devotional will be in an email that will be sent on February 14th. We will also have paper copies available in Moller Hall and if you need a paper copy mailed to you, we can do so. Just ask!

Local Community Event

Sunday, February 4th at 2:30pm, 8th Street Alehouse is having a Gospel Music Hour.

Upcoming Events

Interfaith Advocacy Day

Thursday, February 8th from 9am-2pm. Join Pastor Michelle in Olympia at Faith Action Network's Interfaith Advocacy Day. This is free to attend but know that there is lots of walking involved. We will be learning in workshops how to advocate for our community and resources. Those who registered early will be meeting with representatives. This is a way we can live out our faith of justice for all and advocate for the Harbor. Please contact Pastor if you would like to attend and/or have any questions.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00pm. There will be the imposition of ashes, music, lighting of candles, and more. Please join us for this service as we enter into the 40-day season of Lent.

Coffee Hour with the Pastor

Wednesday, February 14th, during the last part of Coffee Hour, Pastor Michelle will show us some photos from her Sabbatical and share some stories from her trip. This will continue through Lent.

Lent Study and Soup Lunch

Wednesday, February 7th at 11:30am. Our first meeting will have signups for the soup lunch that will be starting on February 14th. The Lost Gospels and Other Books that Didn't Make It into the Bible Ever wondered about the books of the Bible that did not make it into the canon? Did you know that some other Christian faith traditions have more books in their Bible than others? What is the apocrypha? How was the Bible even decided on and put together? If you find these questions intriguing, come to our Adult Education Hours on Wednesdays through February and March. During Lent we will have soup lunch as we dive deep into this and compare these "lost" books to the ones in our own canon of faith.

Youth Group Movie Night (all ages of kids)

Saturday, February 24th from 5-8pm at The Rose Center. Come have pizza and ice cream sundaes as we watch an all-ages movie and talk about it afterward. Bring your pillows, blankets & stuffies for the movie night!

116th Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 25th after worship service. All voting members are asked to attend.

Community Meal

Wednesday, February 28th from 5:00-6:30pm. Join us for great food and company! Bring a friend – the food is free!

New Member Brunch

Sunday, March 3rd at 11:30am. After worship we will be having a potential new member light brunch in the Fireside Room. All are invited that would like to officially become members of Saron-1st. On Easter Sunday (March 31st) we will officially pray and welcome our new members during the worship service. Please let Pastor Michelle or the office know if you would like to attend!

Widow/Widower Grief Group

Mondays starting March 4th, at 10am

We are asking people to sign up to participate in this group. This group focuses specifically on people who have lost a spouse or significant other. It will meet weekly on Mondays for 10 weeks for about 90 minutes. Please sign up in the fellowship hall, via the office or Pastor Michelle.

Potato Feed Fundraiser

Sunday, March 17th at 11:30am. \$10 per person or \$30 for a family of 4. Tickets are available through the office or at church functions. Support the 2024 Youth programs including Sunday School, Vacation Bible Camp and Family Camp at Camp Lutherwood.

Community Meal

Wednesday, March 27th from 5:00-6:30pm. Join us for great food and company! Bring a friend – the food is free!

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, March 24th at 10:00am with Choir performance.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, March 28th at 5:00pm with Choir performance.

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, March 29th at 5:00pm with Choir performance.

Easter Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, March 31st at 10:00am with Choir performance.



All voting members are asked to attend the annual meeting after worship on February 25th. The report was emailed on January 25th to all Saron-1st members. Hard copies will be available at the meeting.



HEART PILGRIMAGE

ONE DAY RETREAT AND WORKSHOP

WRITTEN AND LED BY REV. MICHELLE DE BEAUCHAMP

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

9:00 AM-3:00 PM (LUNCH INCLUDED)
SARON LUTHERAN-IST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
708 8TH STREET
HOQUIAM, WA 98550

Heart Pilgrimage: One Day Retreat and Workshop

Led by Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp

Saturday, April 27th 9AM-3:00PM (Lunch Included)

Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church, 708 8th St, Hoquiam WA

Come and participate in a one-day retreat and learn about a variety of different spiritual practices from Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp.

Rev. Michelle will be sharing about her time on sabbatical and have a workshop for all to learn different contemplative practices (i.e. Celtic Christian practices, creative art practices, and more).

This is a great opportunity to connect with others, take a break from your busy life, and learn some new and interesting practices.



Outreach Hygiene Closet

Thank you for your generous hearts. We are still in need of all items. There is a box at the top of the stairs outside of the Sanctuary as well as the usual box in Moller Hall by the back door for your donations of needed items. Any type of hygiene item is welcome and will directly impact our friends who need it.

Thank you for your generous hearts!

Community Meal

The next meals are February 28th and March 27th. Look for the sign-up sheets in Moller Hall on the table. We will need cooks, set-up crew, clean-up crew, helpers/servers, donations of bread, salad, dessert, and drinks. The meals run from 5-6:30pm.

Union Gospel Mission

Team 4 will be making dinner for our friends on February 19th. Team 1 is slated for March 18th. If you are interested in joining a team, please contact 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 from 6pm-7pm Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm

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

Gospel Garden

The garden is put to bed for the season. We have grown over 350 pounds of food this year and are looking forward to doing even more next year. Plans begin in February/March for next spring. Contact the office if you want to be involved. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this ministry, please label it "Gospel Garden". Our harvests benefit the Hoquiam Food Bank.



Coffee Hour

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

L^3+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The next meetings are Thursday, February 15th & March 21st, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. Bring books to trade if you would like.

Adult Education

On Wednesdays starting at 11:30am, join Pastor Michelle for Bible Study. During Lent, we will have a soup lunch. Sign-ups will be available.

Harbor Food Pantry

Giving away food boxes each
Wednesday at The Rose
Center at approximately
10:30am. Donations of money
for gas, and bags for the food
giveaway are appreciated.
Contact Rick Parker if you are
interested in volunteering for
this effort.

Martha Circle

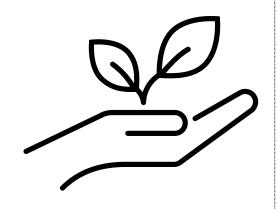
The next meetings will be held on February 1st and March 7th at 1:00pm in Anderson Hall.

Choir

Come make joyful noise to the Lord each Wednesday at 6:30pm for practice and on alternating Sundays and special events for performances. No experience necessary! All are welcome!

Quilting

The Quilters meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month except summer. Join the ladies to provide warmth and love throughout the world!



YOUTH EVENTS SCHEDULE

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VACATION BIBLE CAMP WEEK

The Rose Center, 210 K St, Hoquiam

JUN 23

JUL 19

FAMILY CAMP

Camp Lutherwood, Cheshire, OR

MORE INFO:

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PRAYER PAGES for Lent

Invite Us Deeper

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. Amen.

Lent Prayer

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Are One with You by Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us. Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit. Fill us then with love and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious. Amen.

PRAYER PAGES for Holy Week

During Holy Week there will be morning and evening prayers posted daily on the church Facebook page.

A Prayer for Holy Week by Jay Blossom (PCUSA) Jesus of Eden,

You made our frail world, but we have despoiled what you made good. Yet what we have broken, you are renewing.

Jesus of Calvary,

You know our deepest selves, our petty weaknesses, and our gravest sins. Yet you forgive us our sins and restore our relationships.

Jesus of Gethsemane,

You have washed our feet; now empower us to wash the feet of those we do not understand. You have fed us with spiritual food; now strengthen us to feed those we cannot love on our own. You allowed yourself to be crucified; now enable us to go with you:

As you are lifted up on the awful tree, And as you overcome death, And as you rise to new life again.

Spirit of Pentecost,

Send us out into the world to walk in your ways, to welcome the stranger, to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep, And always, everywhere, and in all things to give thanks.

Amen.

A prayer of Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen 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 you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright.

With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

Amen.

A Celtic Night Prayer by Beth Maxwell Boyle

Creator God who upholds me, Send your peace to sooth me, When this world and its troubles, Press hard down upon me.

Like a fair breeze from the south, Your words they comfort me. They make me long each day, For everlasting justice and peace.

You alone have the wisdom of the ages, You alone understand my heart. Please Holy One give me rest and repose, Give me the peace that only you can grant.

Give me repose this night and every night.

In the name of the Lamb,

The redeemer and the comforter,

Christ our King.

Amen

Please keep the following in your prayers...

Bishop Jaech, Satya & their family, The family & friends of Gary Knutzen, The family & friends of Pastor Ben Borson, The family & friends of Stephanie Anderson, The family & friends of Mark Sunseth, Barbara Julian, Ron, Sarah Leigh Blomgren, Greg Taylor, Ron Bacon, Erika Mills, Don Lofgren, Lynn Tangvald, Frank Tinney, The Kelsey Family, Mic Patton, Bob & his family, Harper, Skylar Lake, Sherri Owzarski, Sanford Cole, Nathan, Ken Matheson, Don Frick, Nita Cross, 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, Barbara Roberts, Pastor Linda Milks, Marianne Larson, Kiyari, Lisa Chappell, Chari Allen, Rose Hirschler, Ona Karnath, Jennifer Shelly, Brad, Young Lee, Val Rhodes, 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.

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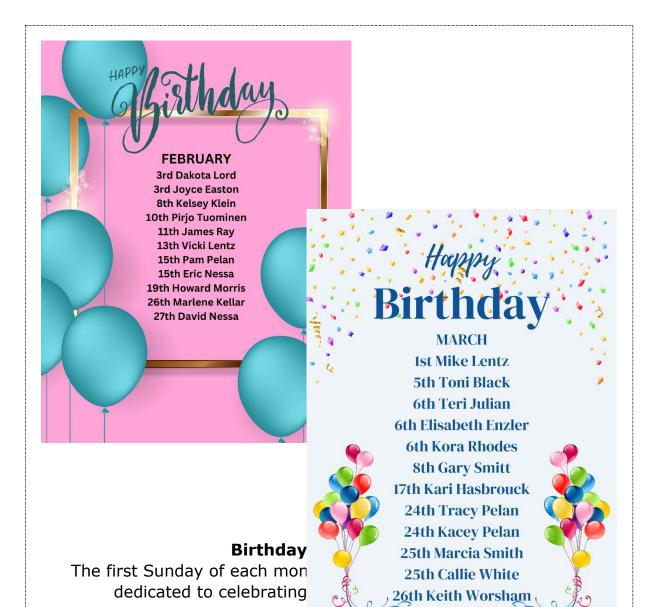
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Assisting Minister Schedule

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 is available in Moller Hall on the table. 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.



Attendance & Contributions

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

Date	Adults	Youth	Contributions
1/7	50	4	\$5484
1/14	34	2	\$2783
1/21	58	3	\$1612
1/28	46	6	\$890

2024 Pledge letters are in the mail. We have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience in getting those returned to us as soon as you can so we can budget for the next year. The Annual Meeting will be held on February 25th after worship service.

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/donat e/?hosted button id=HJLL4ZTG 68TD6

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.

Opportunity Drawings

Baskets available for monthly drawings can be seen in Moller Hall.

Tickets are for sale during fellowship and church functions or through the office.



Goods for Sale

A large variety of jams and jellies are available for sale. Prices are as marked on the jars. Place your money in the container and enjoy your purchase! Proceeds benefit Save Saron's West Wall & Stained-Glass Window.

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-1st will go towards the Save Saron's West Wall & Stained-Glass Window fund. Purchases can be made through the office.

Opportunity Drawing Basket for January

All proceeds benefit Save Saron's Stained-Glass and West Wall

Tickets available at church events and the office.

Drawing will occur on birthday Sundays.



Congratulations to Roy Evans who won the December "Happy New Year" basket.

This basket brought in \$71 for Save Saron!



February's Basket Drawing on March 3, 2024

March Fun & Games

March's Basket
Drawing on March 31, 2024





Tournament Chess \$25 Casa Mia Gift Card St Regis Playing Cards Dan Dees's Card Shuffler Card Holders Hand Sanitizer Gone With The Wind -4 DVD Set



Disney Princess Dominoes 500 Piece Copenhagen Puzzle Memory Matching Game Tricky Triangle Wood Peg Game Insanity Wooden Peg Game Miniature Deck of USA Miniature Pin Ball Game

Value: \$137

Property Notes

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, workshops, safe visitation space, some catering/baking, celebrations of life, meditation, bridal showers, the occasional Girl Scout meeting, clergy overnights, and lots of music.

If you or your group needs a space, contact Teri in the office (360) 532-4611 or sarongraysharbor@gmail.com.

Council Meeting

116th Annual Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be The next Annual Meeting will be January 21, 2024, after worship service. February 25, 2024, after worship service.

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:00am - 1:00pm

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