



The Carillon

April 2024
Easter Edition

Dear Church,

Spring is here! Easter is here! Finally, hope is abounding all around us, even with how chaotic our world can be right now. As we enter into this season of Easter it makes me ponder about the words Jesus said a few different times after his resurrection... "Peace be with you." Jesus said this to the disciples gathered in the upper room (Luke 24 and Luke 20), he said it and breathed the Holy Spirit on them (John 20), and he says it to "doubting" Thomas when he appears to him (John 20). Peace be with you. What is peace?

Continued...

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

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**Special meeting for the
Congregation will be held
on April 7th after Worship.**

This is something hard for us to understand and comprehend and we see the opposite of peace (war) happening in our world right now. There are wars and conflicts happening still in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and even close by in Haiti. How can we ask, live, and believe in peace when there is so much violence and hate? And what really is peace?

Peace in the Bible comes from the Hebrew word "shalom" and it was used as a greeting when arriving or leaving. Shalom/Peace in the Bible means, "right relationship with God, creation, and one another." It is about finding wholeness and connection in all of life. And peace in the Bible goes hand in hand with justice. Shalom only happens when all are in right relationship– and that means all are treated with kindness, equity, and equality.

Peace is well-being in all relationships. The best description of this kind of peace our United Methodist friends wrote in their Peace and Justice documents from 2016:

"At the heart of the Old Testament is the testimony to shalom, that marvelous Hebrew word that means peace. But the peace that is shalom is not negative or one-dimensional. It is much more than the absence of war. Shalom is positive peace: harmony, wholeness, health, and well-being in all human relationships. It is the natural state of humanity as birthed by God. It is harmony between humanity and all of God's good creation. All of creation is interrelated. Every creature, every element, every force of nature participates in the whole of creation. If any person is denied shalom, all are thereby diminished."

As a pastor of over a decade I would even expand this to not just be in a right relationship with others but also with oneself. How can you be kinder to your neighbor and (what is harder for many) yourself? How can one show peace and grace to all. We are called to find that peace inwardly and show it outwardly in this world. And through Christ peace is possible.

Now knowing that the resurrection happened on that Easter morning and the loving power of God, the power of the words Jesus spoke to the disciples before the passion are powerful to review after going through Easter. Jesus before all of the Holy Week happenings happened sat with the disciples and said to them, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Peace be with you this season. May relationships be restored in your life. May well-being and harmony be experienced. And may the peace of God expand and grow unhardening the hearts of those in power that cause pain, conflict, and war.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle

Upcoming Events

Special Meeting

Sunday, April 7th after worship service. All voting members are asked to attend. This is to go over and approve the bids to begin work on the West Wall and stained-glass window.

Swedish Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. There will be pancakes and other wonderful breakfast food. All the proceeds go to support the West Wall building project. The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 for a family of 4.

Heart Pilgrimage

Saturday, April 27th 9am-3:00pm (Lunch Included)
See more details in the following section. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Starting on Wednesday, April 17th at 11:30am. We will be going through the Gospel of John from mid-April through June. Please bring a Bible with you. If you would like a study bible the office has a few left for purchase of "The Lutheran Study Bible" that Pastor Michelle will be using. Pastor will be teaching about the themes in John that connect through the entire gospel! Please come if you are interested!

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.*

Spring Wonderings and Centering Time

Tuesdays 11:30am at the Rose Center

This will start up again on April 16th. We will be gathering for a centering time with prayer, quiet, walking the labyrinth, and other forms of rituals. When the weather gets nice, we might even go outside for a few minutes.

Pam Pelan's Spring Photo Shoot

5:00pm, Thursday and Friday, April 18th & 19th. We would like all members to come have their picture taken for the updated directory and you will have the opportunity to purchase photos.

Community Meal

Wednesday, April 29th 5:00-6:30pm. Join us for great food and company! Bring a friend – the food is free!

Youth Spaghetti Feed is in May!

Tuesday, May 7th from 5-7pm. Another opportunity to help our Youth Group attend summer camp, have Vacation Bible Camp and for our Sunday School program. More information will be coming!



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-1ST 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 April 24th. 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 2 will be making dinner for our friends on April 15th. 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

We will be starting in the garden on Tuesday, May 7th at 9:00am. Any level of "Green Thumb" is welcome to join this ministry. 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.



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.

L^3+P=(RIOT) Book Club

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

Adult Education

New session is beginning on Wednesday, April 17th, starting at 11:30am, join Pastor Michelle for Bible Study. Bring your bible to study the Gospel of John.

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

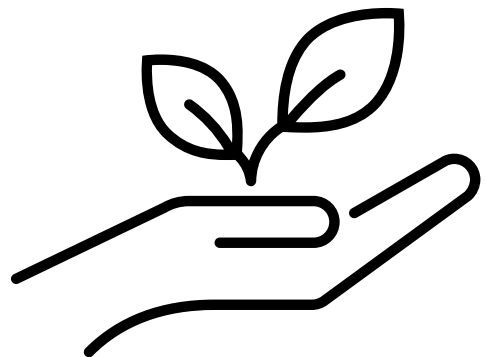
The next meetings will be held on April 4th at 1:00pm in Anderson Hall.

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!



PRAYER PAGES

Joyous Time of Year

May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,
Our Risen Savior,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide. Amen.

Easter Prayer of Saint Hippolytus

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.

A Blessing in Spring

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Every blessing you pour out may we turn back to praise of you,
O God when the sun's shining down on us when the world's 'all as it
should be'
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Blessed be your name.
You give and take away our hearts will choose to say Lord,
Blessed be your name.

PRAYER PAGES

A Sleeping World Emerges

A sleeping world emerges to new possibilities,
weakening winter's icy grip,
and birdsong and bleating lamb
announce to all the promise
that in due season
creation bursts into life.
And whilst leaves that fell in winter
lie upon the ground,
soon to feed the earth,
in nature's wondrous cycle
of death and rebirth,
within the tree is a stirring of new growth.

Amen.

A Reading from Matthew 6:25-34 to Reflect On:

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[e]?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

John Buckles, Howard Morris, Del Pelan, Roberta, Joyce Easton, Michael, Patti Dull, Clark Hulet, Glen Carlson, Barb 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, 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.*

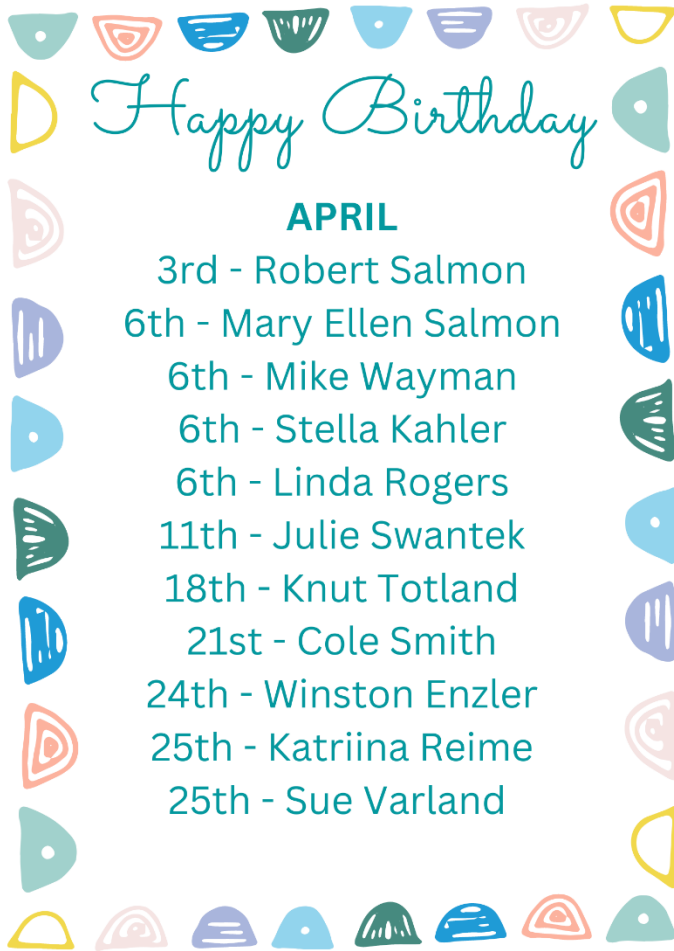
*For all of those who we speak now
or for whom we think of in our hearts and minds.*

APRIL @ Saron

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pm gone thru 4/13	Office Closed 10a Widow/Widowers Grief Group 5	Office Closed	Office Closed 10a Coffee Hour	Office Closed 1p Martha Circle		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1 EASTER 10a Worship (Choir) & Sunday School 1 11a Birthday Celebration Fellowship	10a Widow/Widowers Grief Group 6	6pm Property meeting	10a Coffee Hour	9a-12p Quilting		2pm Myka's Gender Reveal party
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2 EASTER 10a Worship w/Sunday School 2 11a Fellowship 11a Council 1:30p VASA	10a Widow/Widowers Grief Group 7 UGM Team 2	Teri to AZ 11:30a Spring Wonderings and Centering Time @ TRC	Teri in AZ 10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study – new 6:30p Choir Practice	Teri back late 1p L^3+P=(RIOT) 5pm Pam Pelan's photo shoot for the directory	5pm Pam Pelan's photoshoot for the directory	10a Swedish Pancake Brunch Fundraiser
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
3 EASTER 10a Worship (Choir) w/Sunday School 3 11a Fellowship Council Meeting	EARTH DAY 10a Widow/Widowers Grief Group 8	PASSOVER (SUNDOWN) 11:30a Spring Wonderings and Centering Time @ TRC	ADMIN ASST DAY 10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study 5p Community Meal 6:30p Choir Practice	9a-12p Quilting		9a-4p Heart Pilgrimage Sabbatical Workshop
28	29	30				
4 EASTER 10a Worship w/Sunday School 4 11a Fellowship	10a Widow/Widowers Grief Group 9	11:30a Spring Wonderings and Centering Time @ TRC				

APRIL @ TRC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5:30p- 7:30p GAL AFG		10:30a Harbor Food Pantry 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG		UofW Lutheran Campus Ministry	
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28	29	30				
4 EASTER	5:30p- 7:30p GAL AFG	11:30a Spring Wonderings & Centering Time				



Birthday Celebrations

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

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.

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.

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.

Property Notes

The next Property Committee meeting is April 9th 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, 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

The next Council Meeting will be April 14, 2024, after worship service.

Office Hours

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

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