

The Carillon

May 2024
Easter Edition

Dear Church,

What is holy ground? Where do we find it? What can make it sacred to us? In Exodus Moses on Mt. Sinai meets God in the form of the burning bush. And God reveals God's name of "YHWH" which translated from Hebrew is "I AM (who I AM)." Then God tells Moses to remove his sandals because he is standing on holy ground.

When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'

-Exodus 3:4-6

Continued...

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

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Synod Listening Post

June 5th from 10am-11:30am

God met Moses in the midst of his life as he was in the wilderness tending to his father-in-law's sheep. It was not in some grand ceremony, some gigantic pyramid (remember he ran away from Egypt), in halls of power, or in a place with a monument. Nope. God meets Moses in his daily life and calls him. In that moment of God's presence, it becomes Holy Ground.

Finding or creating a sacred space can be different for each individual. We find church to be holy ground as we gather together for worship and fellowship. Yes, that is definitely holy ground for many— a religious space. But here is my question, what is holy ground for your children, friends, grandchildren that do not attend church? Where do they seek the holy and experience it? Where do they see the sacred? Or is that not part of their vocabulary or life? Or is it that their lives (and ours) have become so busy and/or anxiety filled that they just do not have time for a sacred space? A break? A moment to see that the holy is right here and now in front of them/us?

This is just something I have been pondering about for years, and yes, was connected to part of my sabbatical. I am finding this is a great conversation starter with family and friends about faith and spirituality. Asking the question(s) like: *Where is a sacred place for you? What is holy ground? Where do you feel a spiritual connection?* And then sit back and respectfully listen. I have seen conversations like this deepen relationships and help support spiritual growth. This is about meeting people where they are. I have had moments like this with unchurched friends and wonderful fruitful and Spirit filled conversations have happened. I have seen this end up in the long run being the beginning of people going and finding a faith community a year later. Creating a safe place for these conversations...actually makes holy ground right there in the moment even when you are discussing sacred places far from that place.

Take time to reflect on where you have found holy ground in your life. Was it at a cemetery, an ancient ruin, your neighborhood, a hike, a church, a trail, or even just in your heart? Where have you experienced this? This is a wonderful thing to reflect on in your own life and a "not so scary" way to connect with people who have left church or never have been. This is a way we can listen and respond to the Holy Spirit calling us to be disciples and share our faith. Taking this time to reflect on this might even change our own worldview and create space in our hearts...and maybe we will then see that there is holy ground all around because God is present in our world and lives daily.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle



Synod

Listening Post

June 5th

10-11:30am

708 8th Street

Hoquiam, WA 98550

We will be hosting one of the 5 synod listening posts. The synod will be leading this for all lay people. We need people to attend from our area. A "listening post" is when the synod staff will be here to talk about and listen to suggestions from you, specifically about the future of the synod. They will be focusing mainly on the upcoming bishop's election process and what YOU want for the future. This is an opportunity for us to tell what we want from the synod and the future of the synod.

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Pastor Michelle will be at Saron-1st leading the clergy/rostered minister specific one in the choir room. We will be providing coffee/tea/water and cookies for this gathering. For church people coming far (meaning 2 hours from Ocean Park etc) Pastor Michelle is putting together soup, rolls, and salad to serve them at 11:45. Please if you are able to just attend, we need you! If you would like to provide cookies and/or lunch things, please sign up on via the office or sign-up sheet.



Saron-1st Youth Spaghetti Feed



May 7, 2024 at 5:00pm

Our Youth is raising money for family
camp, Sunday School & VBC.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$30 for 4.

Opportunity drawings & auction will be
held after dinner.

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FREE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND PRACTICE

**3 classes for 3 weeks
Tuesdays, May 28, June 4, June 11
6-7PM**

The Rose Center (210 K Street)

We will meet 3 times on Tuesday evening for 3 weeks. In our anxiety filled world sometimes it is good to have some new tools to center our hearts, minds, and spirits. Pastor Michelle has practiced meditation for over 25 years (yes she learned as a teen) and has learned a variety of different kinds of meditation. Come learn and practice the basics of meditation. Come and hear about how meditation works in helping our holistic health of our bodies and souls, and a little background in the history of it. All are welcome to come, but we ask people to sign up. There is room for 12 people. Please register to reserve your space. You can do this via the sign up sheet at church or emailing/calling the church office.



Raising funds for
Save Saron's West Wall & Stained-Glass project.
An anonymous donor is matching up to \$75,000
of funds raised for this project.
Please donate if you are able.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SARON-1ST PLANT & RUMMAGE SALE



Saturday, June 2nd
9am-12pm
8th & M Street
Hoquiam



All proceeds go towards Save Saron's
West Wall & Stained-Glass project

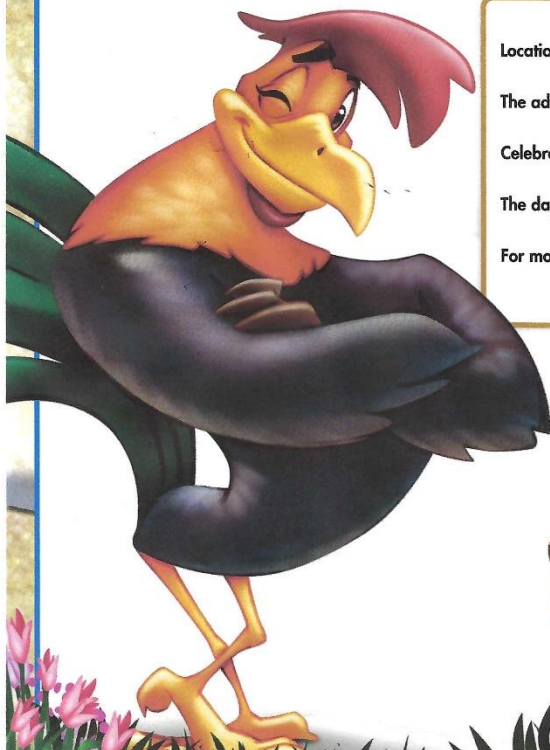
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This VBS is something worth crowing about!



Join us in Hometown Nazareth, where we'll explore what life was like when Jesus was a kid. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Jesus' mom, Mary, and eat foods just like the ones Jesus ate. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!



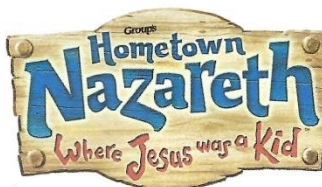
Location: 210 K Street, Hoquiam

The adventure will last: June 23-27, 2024

Celebration begins at: 5:00pm

The day's adventure ends at: 7:30pm

For more information, call: 360-532-4611





SARON-1ST

COMMUNITY MEAL



The last
Wednesday of
each month

5-6:30P

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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 meal is May 29th. 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 3 will be making dinner for our friends on May 20th. 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 go straight to local food banks.



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.

L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The next meeting is Thursday, May 16th, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. Bring books to trade if you would like.

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 11:30am, join Pastor Michelle for Bible Study. Bring your bible to study the Gospel of John.

Harbor Food Pantry

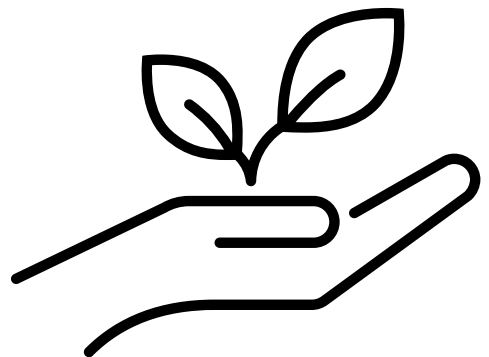
Giving away food boxes each Wednesday at The Rose Center at approximately 10:30am. Donations of money for gas, and bags for the food giveaway are appreciated. Contact Rick Parker if you are interested in volunteering for this effort.

Martha Circle

The next meetings will be held on May 2nd at 12:00pm in Anderson Hall. This will be our end of year POTLUCK! Bring a dish to share.

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!



PRAYER PAGES

Thus says the Lord:

Stand at the crossroads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls. -Jeremiah 6:16a

St. Fursa's Prayer (The Lorica of St. Fursa)

May the guiding hands of God be on my shoulders,
may the presence of the Holy Spirit be on my head,
may the sign of Christ be on my forehead,
may the voice of the Holy Spirit be in my ears,
may the smell of the Holy Spirit be in my nose,
may the sight of the company of heaven be in my eyes,
may the speech of the company of heaven be in my mouth,
may the work of the church of God be in my hands,
may the serving of God and my neighbor be in my feet,
may God make my heart his home,
and may I belong to God, my Father, completely.

For Seasons on Life

For seasons on life
When fall turns to winter
and winter to spring
let me embrace
the seasons of life.
From highs and lows
From joy to sorrow
and back again
From birth to breath
and life to death.
God, make yourself known.
- *Author Unknown*

PRAYER PAGES



To Come Home to Yourself By John O'Donahue

May all that is unforgiven in you,
Be released.

May your fears yield
Their deepest tranquilities.

May all that is un-lived in you,
Blossom into a future,
Graced with love.

For Flowers That Bloom
by *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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!

MAY @ Saron-1st

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study 6:30p Choir Practice	12p Martha Circle Potluck		
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MAY @ The Rose Center

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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.

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
3/31	60	7	\$2982
4/7	41	4	\$917
4/14	47	6	\$3846
4/21	45	7	\$1526
4/28	49	6	\$3461

Thank you for your generous hearts that keep our ministries moving and the lights on! You are appreciated!

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 Property Team is currently working on building a mop room and making our side yard beautiful!

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 a few birthday parties.

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 May 19, 2024, after worship service.

Office Hours

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

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