

The Carillon

September 2024
Season of Creation Edition

Dear Church,
Beginning on September 1st we are entering into "The Season of Creation" that is celebrated annually by churches throughout the world. This is an ecumenical celebration that invites many Christian denominations to participate in this time of reflection and celebration; this includes Roman Catholic, Orthodox Christian denominations, Methodists, Lutherans, Reformed, Presbyterians, Anglicans and more. More than 15 international church organizations (i.e. World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation etc.) worked together to create wonderful resources for worship to use during this season.

The "Season of Creation" lasts September 1st through October 4th (but we will celebrate the last Sunday on October 6th). September 1st Sunday is the Feast of Creation (a celebration recognized in the Orthodox Church. The season ends on October 4th which is the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi (the patron saint of animals and ecology). This day is recognized in many Christian denominations, and in some is called *Harvest Day*.

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

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The theme this year for "The Season of Creation" is united around, "to hope and act with Creation" and the symbol (see at the end of this letter) is inspired by Romans 8:19-25:

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This passage inspired the symbol created this year of "The firstfruits of hope," which can be seen at the end of this letter. Our world needs hope more than ever and what a wonderful thing to celebrate at the beginning of autumn! We get to celebrate God and all of God's creation through prayers, worship, service projects, blessings of creation, and more. Every Sunday our worship will focus on this theme and will have activities throughout the period for all of us to participate in. Our congregation already celebrates and works alongside all of creation with our outreach ministries, special worships, and more...so let us honor this and lift it in praise during this season! Please join us in this joyous time as a church and celebrate. We have a list of all the ways you can participate in this season of creation post here in the Carillon and it will be in the weekly Rose Blast.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Season of Creation Calendar

Sunday, September 1: Feast of Creation

During this worship we will have the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Also, during the worship, the youth will be invited to quietly create a "Celebration of Creation" mural that we will use as a backdrop throughout worship for the Season of Creation.

Sunday, September 8: Hoping with Creation

This Sunday will be a special liturgy called "The Creation Inclusive Liturgy" That was put together by the Eco-Congregation of Scotland (part of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland). It is a beautiful worship service. We invite all to bring a piece of nature from home to add to the altar at church (i.e. a leaf, branch, rock, flower etc.).

Sunday, September 15: Faith in Action /Co-Creators Sunday

Wear your jeans or work clothes to church this Sunday! We will be having worship then heading over to "The Rose Center" for fellowship time and to work in the Gospel Garden. We need help building the new greenhouse, tending the garden, mowing, cleaning up the weeds/overgrowth around the fence/compost/shed, cleaning up trash into a dumpster and more. We really need all the help we can get— if you have any tools to help, please bring them with you!



Sunday, September 22: Blessing of the Animals

Come and bring your beloved dog, cat, snake, turtle, bunny, bird, stuffed animal/lovey or even a houseplant is OK with us to be blessed during this worship service. All pets must be on a leash or in a crate/cage. All are welcome to attend!

Sunday, September 29: Care for Creation

This Sunday we will during worship have a special presentation from our very own church member Dan Varland about the nonprofit he founded on the coast here in 1995 called "Coastal Raptors." Coastal Raptors is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing research and education programs leading to better understanding and conservation of raptors in coastal environments.

Sunday, October 6: St. Francis Day

October 4 is his feast day and the last day in the Season of Creation but we will be celebrating together a few days late on a Sunday. Come and rejoice with us as this season of creation comes to a close. It will be a lovely worship service with some special music.



YOUTH EVENTS SCHEDULE

FALL/WINTER
2024

SEP
21

**YOUTH GROUP MOVIE
NIGHT @ 5PM**

The Rose Center, 210 K St, Hoquiam

**PUMPKIN & GARDEN
PARTY @ 12P-3P**

The Rose Center, 210 K St, Hoquiam

OCT
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**HOLIDAYS ART & FAITH
PARTY @ 12P-3P**

The Rose Center, 210 K St, Hoquiam

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
DAY @ 10A-6P**

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 111 E 4th St, Aberdeen

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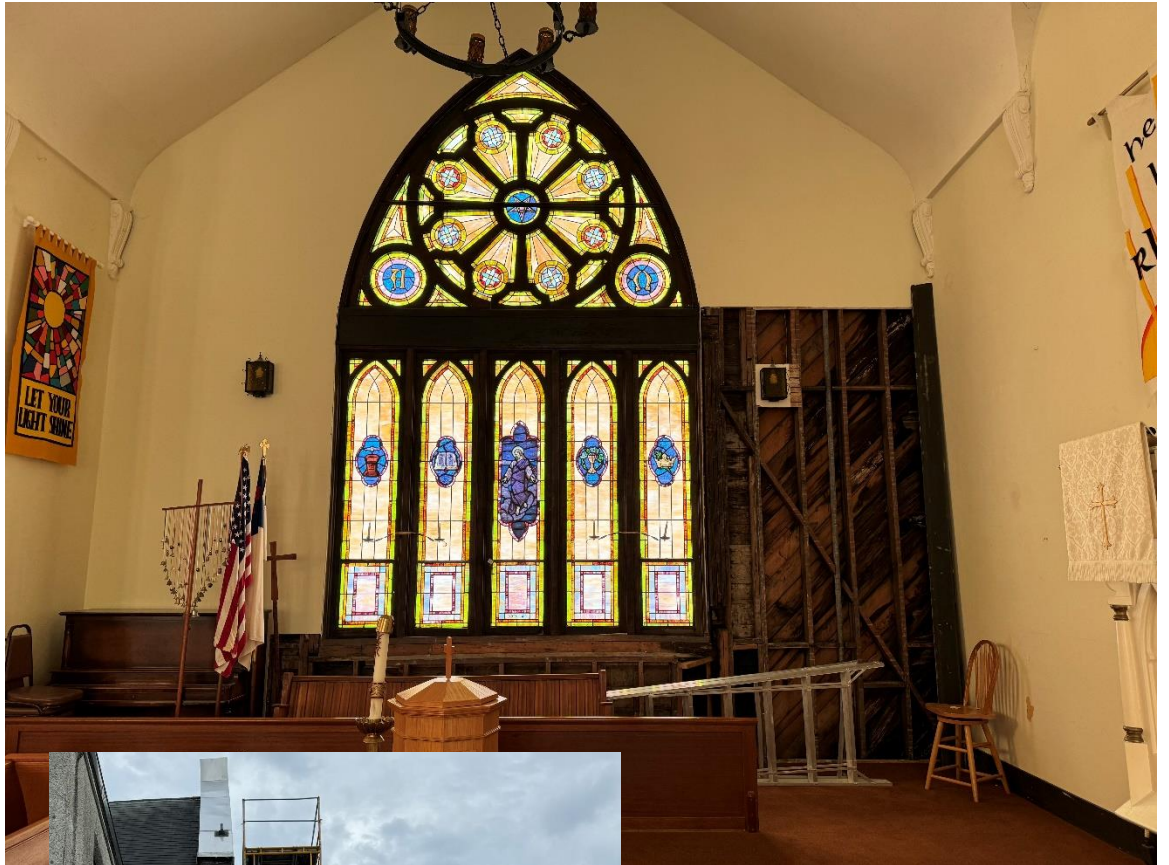
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**YOUTH GROUP MOVIE
NIGHT @ 5PM**

The Rose Center, 210 K St, Hoquiam

MORE INFO:

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Save Saron Capital Campaign 2.0

Work is continuing on our West Wall and Stained-Glass Window. Please use caution when using the back door during the week.

Plans for the Carillon Bells are in the works, and we should have them ringing by Christmas!

Thank you for your generous hearts that will keep this building standing for another 100 years!



Supporting Saron-1st

We are currently working to restore the historic West Wall and the Stained-Glass Window, but we know there will be more work in the future. Please help contribute to the building fund to continue our efforts to save Saron 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

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.



Outreach Closet

The cold, wet weather is coming! More than ever, our friends need our help. Along with the usual hygiene products that everyone needs, we are asking you to go through your closets and drawers and consider donating cold weather items to our friends that so desperately need them. If you cannot drop off at the church, please contact the office and we will pick up. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Community Meal

Our next meal will be on September 25th. Look for the sign-up sheet 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 September 16th. 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 working in the garden on Tuesdays at 9:00am through the summer and into fall. 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 and are typically distributed the day after harvest.



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 Lutheran Literary Ladies plus Presbyterians equals Reading Is Our Thing summer meetings will be on September 19th at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. Join us for snacks and conversation.

Fall Adult Education:

Women in the Bible
Wednesdays at 11:30am
September 11 - November 20th
Bring your Bible with you (or we have a few extras) and come and learn about the brave, fierce, and humble women in the Bible. Some of these stories we have heard, and many are rarely addressed on a Sunday morning. They are fascinating and inspiring characters that God calls in a variety of ways. We will look at some of the main ones (i.e. Ruth, Miriam, and Esther) and many minor ones (i.e. Tamar, Vashti, Puah, and Lydia).

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 meeting will be held on September 5th at 1:00pm in Anderson Hall. This will be the first meeting of the 2024-25 service year. Join us if you would like to be a member of this wonderful ministry that serves this church in so many capacities.

Choir

First Choir rehearsal will be at 6:30p on September 11th. Our first performance during Sunday Service will be on September 22nd. Come join us to make joyful noise to the Lord! All abilities and ages are welcome.

PRAYER PAGES

Peace Blessing

(from Elizabeth S Tapia Philippines 2018 Women's World Day of Prayer)

Peace of the world
Peace of the city
Peace of the village
Peace of the desert
Peace of Mother Earth
Peace of the cosmos
Peace to you
Peace to me
Peace to my neighbor
Peace to whom it may concern
Peace. Peace, Peace!

Canticle of the Creatures St. Francis of Assisi

All praise be yours, My Lord, through all that you have made.
And first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day....
How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;
In the heavens you have made them, bright and precious and fair.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air....
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water, so useful, lowly,
precious
and pure.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you
brighten up the night....
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother,
Who feeds us...and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and
herbs....
Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
And serve him with great humility.
Amen.

PRAYER PAGES

Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.

May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the firstfruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SEPTEMBER @ Saron

SUN 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
LECT 23(PENT 15) Blessing of the Backpacks 10a Worship 11a Fellowship & Birthday Celebration	LABOR DAY Office Closed	Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC	10a Coffee Hour	1p Martha Circle		Loggers Playday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
LECT 24(PENT 16) God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 10a Worship w/Sunday School 1 11a Fellowship		Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study 6:30p Choir practice			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
LECT 25(PENT 17) Wear your jeans to church 10a Worship w/Sunday School 2 11a Fellowship 1:30p VASA	UGM Team 3	Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study 6:30p Choir practice	1p L^3+P=(RIOT)		9a-11a Swedish Pancake Breakfast Youth @TRC 5PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
LECT 26(PENT 18) FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN Blessing of the Animals 10a Worship w/Sunday School 3 11a Fellowship		Office Closed 9a Staff @ TRC	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study 5-6:30p Community Meal 6:30p Choir practice			
29	30					
LECT 27(PENT 19) 10a Worship w/Sunday School 4 11a Fellowship						

SEPTEMBER @ TRC

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LECT 23 (PENT 15)	LABOR DAY 5:30p- 7:30p GAL AFG	9a Gospel Gardening	10:30a Harbor Food Pantry 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG			
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LECT 27 (PENT 19)	5:30p- 7:30p GAL AFG					



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
6/9	41	4	\$3070
6/16	38	3	\$2430
6/23	43	3	\$1674
6/30	48	11	\$2890
7/7	34	5	\$2891
7/14	39	6	\$1586
7/21	28	1	\$1216
7/28	55	7	\$1597
8/4	37	4	\$2026
8/11	41	3	\$2711
8/18	32	1	\$1249
8/25	33		\$3457

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



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Medicare and You: The Who, What, How, and Why About Medicare and Medicaid

Get your questions about Medicare and Medicaid answered by a representative from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at a free workshop happening across our TRL service area! Learn about how Medicare plans work, what is covered, costs and financial assistance options, enrollment options, and changes that are taking effect in 2025. Find CMS on the web at www.cms.gov.

Grays Harbor County

Tuesday, September 17

Westport Library, 10-11am
Aberdeen Library, 1-2pm

Thursday, September 19

McCleary Library, 11am-noon
Elma Library, 2-3pm

Wednesday, September 18

Amanda Park Library, 10:30-11:30am
Hoquiam Library, 1:30-2:30pm

Friday, September 20

Oakville Library, 10:30-11:30am
Montesano Library, 1:30-2:30pm



Lewis County

Tuesday, September 24

Centralia Library, 10:30-11:30am
Winlock Library, 1:30-2:30pm

Thursday, September 26

Chehalis Library, 10:30-11:30am
Yelm Library, 1:30-2:30pm
Salkum Library, 4:30-5:30pm

Wednesday, October 2

Mountain View Library, 10:30-11:30am
Packwood Library, 1:30-2:30pm

Mason County

Tuesday, October 1

Shelton Library, 10:30-11:30am
North Mason Library, 1:30-2:30pm

Friday, October 4

Hoodsport Library, 10:30-11:30am

Pacific County

Saturday, September 21

Ocean Park Library, 10:30-11:30am
Ilwaco Library, 1:30-2:30pm

Thursday, October 3

Raymond Library, 10:30-11:30am

Thurston County

Monday, September 23

Tumwater Library, 10:30-11:30am

Wednesday, September 25

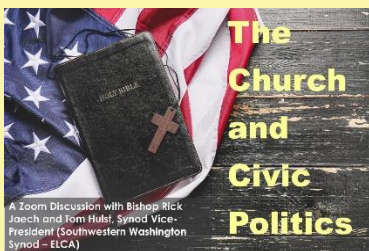
Tenino Library, 10:30-11:30am
Lacey Library, 1:30-2:30pm

Monday, October 7

Olympia Library, 10:30-11:30am

Timberland Regional **LIBRARY**

TRL.org



September 19, 6:30-8:00PM

As we look at both our Lutheran teachings and the Constitution of the United States, what are the rights and duties of church members and church denominations as we guide our cities, states, and nation through complicated times? We invite all of you to join us to consider and discuss together the working relationship between the Church and Civic Politics.

There is much media discussion currently about those who, on one hand, promote Christian nationalism and those who, on the other hand, insist on a wall of separation between church and state.

Lutherans in the United States have the tradition of practicing a third, middle way.

- What is that third way?
- How do Lutheran Christians work together with civic political institutions to build and maintain a just society?
- How do we help democracy to function in a way that the voice and well-being of every person is honored?
- How do we follow Jesus and "love our neighbor" in the face of the critical problems that often divide us?

To register for this discussion, email the Synod Office at swsynod@plu.edu. Registrants will receive the Zoom link to join the event and also background resource material.

Through Jeremiah, God said, "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you." In our discussion together, we will learn from each other and ask the Holy Spirit to help us know how to do just that.

Bishop Rick Jaech is the bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA. Tom Hulst, the Vice-President of the Synod Council, has enjoyed a career in education and public service and currently teaches political science at Tacoma Community College.

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 June 9, 2024, after worship service.

Office Hours

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

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