



The Carillon

October and November 2024
Advent Season Edition

Dear Church,

We are a beacon of hope in Grays Harbor. Yes, we were struck by lightning, but already we have a temporary roof, the water, heat, and lights are on. The community has shown up for us, because we showed up for the community for years. Community is vital when we face despair and chaos in the world. Jesus throughout the Gospels taught us we need community. Jesus had his own community with his disciples. Now we enter into this time of waiting...Advent. We will rebuild the steeple, but of course we must wait.

Waiting is not about being static or standing still. Waiting can be a spiritual practice. Theologian Henri Nouwen said, "Waiting time is not wasting time. Waiting patiently in expectation is the foundation of the spiritual life."

So yes, we wait. We wait actively doing other things that we are aware that need to happen. Rest. Order. Contemplation. Cleaning. Letting go of our expectations. In the waiting sometimes we can realize the healing that needs to be done...of ourselves, our community, and our building. In the waiting we see new wiring that

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

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needs to happen for safety and comfort. We need to let go and replace the electrical wiring from the 1950s that is not grounded. This is a metaphor for our own personal lives as we wait. What do we need to let go of this holiday season? What expectations, grief, pain, memories need to become scars and not open wounds for you? In the spiritual practice of waiting, restoration and healing can happen. In the waiting, God can heal on the inside what cannot be seen by the outside world or the people passing by (both literally in our building and physically in ourselves).

Advent is about waiting. Waiting for the hope of the world to show up. Waiting for the light to shine in the deepest darkness of night. Waiting for the promise of love to come down...Emmanuel; God with us. God in community with us waiting. Waiting and loving us and calling us to give to God our burdens. Emmanuel calling us to look up in our waiting! To see around us! See the bright star?! That! That is us and our community being a beacon of hope in this world. And Emmanuel is holding our hands as we look up, calling us to healing and care...to be a light that shines in this darkness of the world.

PLEASE join us on Saturday, December 7th at 5PM at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Aberdeen for our Youth Group's Christmas Play called "'Do You Hear What I Hear?' A Christmas Play for Kids". They are really excited to put this on. Please come and support the future of our church.


Peace,
Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp

Save Saron Fundraiser!

We have Church Cookbooks (\$20)
and Historic Hoquiam Calendars (\$15)

At the Bazaar we sold \$560 of Cookbooks and \$360
of Calendars. There are plenty more of both for
sale through the office. They make fabulous gifts!

**Children's
Christmas
Pageant**



Cookies, hot
cocoa, cold and
hot cider will
be served!

**5:00 PM
on Dec. 7th**

Amazing Grace Church

Gift Jars of Soup Mix
and Hot Cocoa, plus
Yule Logs for sale
following program

Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church

Blue Christmas
Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 5:00pm



*The Holiday season is hard for those
whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone.
Blue Christmas is a gentle, contemplative service
for those who are carrying pain or loss during
this season of celebration.*

Christmas Eve Worship Services on December 24th

4:00PM Joy to the World
Service

6:00PM Candlelight Service

*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us...he is named
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
-Isaiah 9:6*





Saron-1st **HOLIDAY DINNER**

Let's come together for a heartwarming afternoon filled with delicious food and good company. It's time to share the joy of the holiday season.

Use the sign-up sheet to either host a table or find a seat.
Hosts may decorate their table as they wish.



Sunday

December 8, 2024



Saron Lutheran - 1st Presbyterian Church

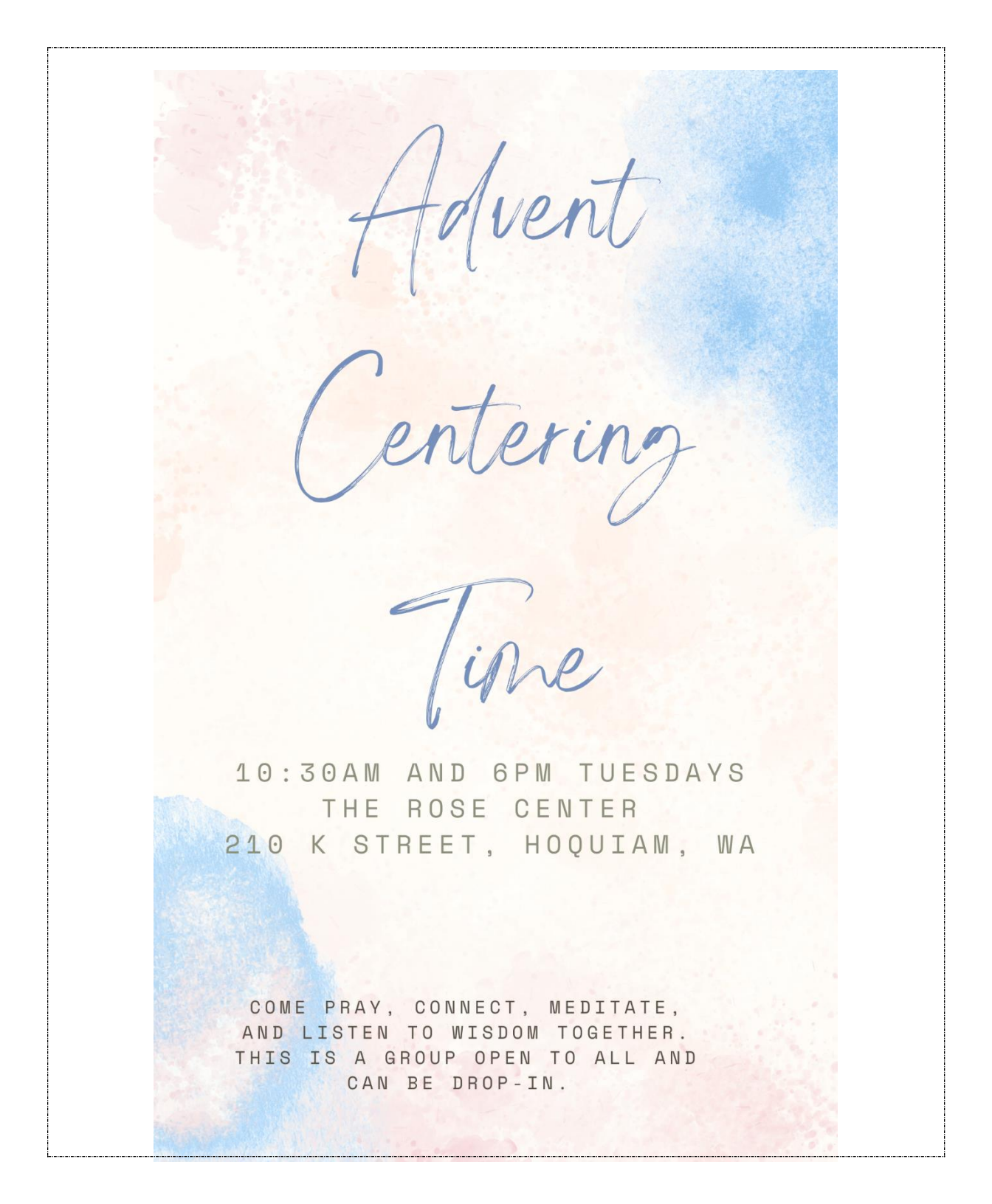
708 8th Street, Hoquiam

Bring a side dish or dessert to Share! The main dish is supplied and cooked by the Totland and Reime families.



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Advent Centering Time

10:30AM AND 6PM TUESDAYS
THE ROSE CENTER
210 K STREET, HOQUIAM, WA

COME PRAY, CONNECT, MEDITATE,
AND LISTEN TO WISDOM TOGETHER.
THIS IS A GROUP OPEN TO ALL AND
CAN BE DROP-IN.

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Church



GIFT CARDS FOR GRIZZLIES

**THE OFFICE IS TAKING MONETARY DONATIONS
THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2024 FOR GIFT CARDS TO BE
GIVEN TO HOQUIAM HIGH SCHOOL KIDS IN NEED.**

**THE GIFT CARDS ARE PURCHASED FROM
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL TO BENEFIT THEIR PROGRAMS.**



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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
27

NOV
17

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

Saron-1st, 208 8th St, Hoquiam

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

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

DEC
07

JAN
11

**YOUTH GROUP
PLANETARIUM VISIT**

Pierce College Science Dome - Tacoma

MORE INFO:

SARONGRAYSHARBOR@GMAIL.COM



Save Saron Capital Campaign 2.0...3.0 with the Lightning Strike

Work is continuing our West Wall and Stained-Glass Window. We are in the sanctuary now, and the window will be installed in the spring. Carillon Bells will be installed once all the electrical is fixed from the lightning strike.

We are waiting for the insurance adjuster to come and figure out all the next steps. Thank you to all who showed up to help with all of this. Heat, lights, water, bathrooms functioning, all is on! Kitchen is working! Just really it is rewiring now in the sacristy and main stairwell/balcony. If you notice any appliances or electrical items not working, please bring it to the attention of staff. We are not to throw anything we replace away.

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



Outreach Closet

We are low on hygiene products and cold weather items. Please consider donating. 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.

Community Meal

Our next meals will be December 18th. 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 is December 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/>

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. They sometimes need volunteers for set up from 9am-10am.



Ministries

Coffee Hour

You are invited to join us for our weekly Coffee Fellowship gathering each Wednesday (except November 27th and December 25th) at 10am in the Fireside Room at Saron.

L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The Lutheran Literary Ladies plus Presbyterians equals Reading Is Our Thing

next meeting will be on December 19th at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. Join us for snacks and conversation.

Advent Adult Education:

Advent Study

Wednesdays at 11:30am

December 4, 11, 18

Bring your Bible with you (or we have a few extras) and come join us for a lovely Advent study this year. Come really get in the spirit of the season with the waiting, peace, watching, and hoping in these winter days.

Martha Circle

The next meeting will be held on December 5th at 12pm in Anderson Hall. All are welcome! THIS IS A POTLUCK and ornament exchange (if you want to participate). Bring a side dish or salad to share. Bring a wrapped ornament for the exchange.

Join us if you would like to be a member of this wonderful ministry that serves this church in so many capacities.

Holiday Bazaar update!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The bazaar was a resounding success thanks to all the volunteers and vendors!

Bazaar total: \$3488.16

The Lunch and the Bake Sale both brought in over \$1300 each!

Choir

Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Come join us to make joyful noise to the Lord! All abilities and ages are welcome.

PRAYER PAGE

***There are Advent Daily Devotionals located downstairs
in the Fellowship Hall for people to take home.***

Advent Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Advent Prayer By Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your
Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces
to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward
to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long
for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

DECEMBER @ Saron

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 ADVENT 10a Worship (Choir) w/Sunday School 11 11a Fellowship & Birthday Celebration		10:30a Advent Centering @TRC 6-7p Advent Centering Time @ TRC	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Advent Study 5-8p Sons of Norway 6:30p Choir practice	12p Martha Circle potluck		11a-1p Choir Room Use YOUTH Christmas Pageant Day and Fundraiser 10AM-6PM performance @ Amazing Grace @ 5PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2 ADVENT 10a Worship w/Sunday School 12 11a Holiday Dinner		10a-2p Bishops Eucharist for Rostered Ministers 10:30a Advent Centering @TRC 6-7p Advent Centering Time @ TRC	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Advent Study 6:30p Choir practice			11a-1p Choir Room Use
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4 ADVENT 10a Worship 11a Fellowship		CHRISTMAS EVE 4p Joy to the World Service 6p Candlelight Service	CHRISTMAS DAY	KWANZ AA HANUK KAH (@ sundo wn)		11a-1p Choir Room Use
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1 CHRISTMAS 10a Worship 11a Fellowship		NEW YEAR'S EVE				

DECEMBER @ TRC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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1 ADVENT	5:30p-7:30p GAL AFG	10:30a Advent Centering Time 6-7p Advent Centering Time	10:30a Harbor Food Pantry 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG			
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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. Below is the schedule and needs through November.

<p><u>Sunday 12/1</u> Lector: Troy George Usher: Need Greeter: Sharal Patton Altar Guild: Ruth Hamilton Communion Assistant: Sue Swantek Altar Flowers: Need Fellowship Host: Team 5 Sunday School Teacher: Bailey Cavender</p>	<p><u>Sunday 12/8</u> Lector: Need Usher: Phil Olafsen Greeter: Sharal Patton Altar Flowers: Need Fellowship Host: Holiday Dinner Sunday School Teacher: Elichia Enzler</p>
<p><u>Sunday 12/15</u> Lector: Carrie Larson Usher: Need Greeter: Sharal Patton Altar Guild: JoAnn Ray Communion Assistant: Need Altar Flowers: Need Fellowship Host: Team 6 Sunday School Teacher: Sarah Little</p>	<p><u>Blue Christmas Sat. 12/21</u> Lector: Kathleen Watness Lector 2: Ruth Hamilton Usher: Need Greeter: Need Altar Flowers: Poinsettias (bring one if you would like!)</p>
<p><u>Sunday 12/22</u> Lector: Need Usher: Need Greeter: Sharal Patton Altar Guild: Karla Johnon Communion Assistant: Need Altar Flowers: Poinsettias (bring one if you would like!) Fellowship Host: Team 7 Fellowship Host: Need</p>	<p><u>Christmas Eve- 4PM</u> Lector: Need Usher: Need Greeter: Need Altar Guild: Phil Olafsen/Pastor Michelle Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Communion Assistant: Need Altar Flowers: Poinsettias (bring one if you would like!) Fellowship Host: Staff</p>

Christmas Eve- 6PM

Lector: **Need**

Usher: **Need**

Greeter: **Need**

Altar Guild: Phil Olafsen and Pastor M

Communion Assistant: **Need**

Sunday 12/29

Lector: Kathleen Watness

Usher: **Need**

Greeter: Sharal Patton

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Altar Guild: Roy Evans

Communion Assistant: **Need**

Fellowship Host: Team 8



DECEMBER

- 1st - Jody Wayman**
- 3rd - Bailey Cavender**
- 4th - Shirley Ward**
- 4th - Becky Root**
- 9th - Troy George**
- 11th - Mary Morris**
- 13th - K. Klein**
- 17th - Pat Morgan**
- 17th - Ron Bacon**
- 20th - Karla Johnson**
- 24th - Tony Enzler**
- 28th - Richard Easton**
- 28th - Nova Julian**
- 29th - Sharal Patton**
- 30th - Eric Shofner**

Birthday Celebrations

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

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives. For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness. For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life. For summertime, full of warmth and color. And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth. You are always with us. Amen.

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 October 6th, after worship service.

Office Hours

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

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