



The Carillon

January & February 2025

Dear Church,
I am going to keep this short. We have 2 meetings coming up that are very important.

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

1. February 2, 2025: Special Meeting

This meeting will be during fellowship time after worship to look at the modernization proposal for the elevator. This cannot wait for the annual meeting. This should be a short meeting of about 15 minutes long. We will only be voting at this meeting about the elevator. All other things regarding the steeple etc. will be at the annual meeting.

2. February 23, 2025: Annual Meeting

After worship this will be our annual meeting of looking over the previous year reports, looking at the budget, and we will have an update on the insurance and the steeple. Please be aware the Church Council stewardship letter and pledge card are here in this Carillon. We will also be sending a copy out next week with your tithing statements from last year. Please remember this helps council with the budget preparation. Thank you.

Church Staff

Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp
Senior Pastor

Teri Julian
*Administrative Assistant,
Bookkeeper & Custodian*

Kari Hasbrouck
Music & Worship Director

Troy George
Choir Director

Sue Swantek
*Wednesday Coffee Hour
Host*

Council Members

Ruth Hamilton, President
Ray Kahler, Vice President
Mike Erkkinen, Secretary
Tony Enzler, Treasurer
Sharal Patton
Teri Moody
LouJean O'Brien
Patti Barker
Randall Daugherty

Peace,
Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp

Pledge Letter

January 12, 2025

Dear Church Family and friends of Saron Lutheran - 1st Presbyterian,

We hope that you have had a wonderful beginning to the new year. 2024 held some major obstacles, however there is so much growth in our congregation and in our ministries. Because of YOU and your faith, we can gather together for worship and all our other church ministries. Thank you for your continued support of Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church.

We are a resilient congregation. Yes, the church was struck by lightning in November, but the miracle is we protected our community; and our community showed up for us. This setback did not stop us from continuing our ministries in Grays Harbor.

Our Church helped and impacted THOUSANDS of people in the Grays Harbor area throughout the year. Ways we do this are: growing produce in our community garden, our monthly community meals ministry, hosting the weekly Harbor Food Pantry, hosting and being part of the Boots for Bears Committee, supporting local organizations (i.e. the Hoquiam Food and Clothing Bank, Union Gospel Mission, Chaplains on the Harbor, and the Hoquiam School District), our ongoing cold weather/hygiene drives/gift cards for youth, and more. Well done good and faithful servants! In addition, we are growing in our worship ministries, youth ministry, and in our membership.

The 2025 pledge theme this year is **Being a Beacon of Hope: Sharing God's Light** based on John 1:5 which says, "*A light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.*" God is that light in our gloomy world and we are called to share that light with all. Our church mission statement calls us to be a "*beacon of hope in Grays Harbor*", living out our mission of faithfully serving God and our neighbors. Join us to see the direct positive impact in our church and community when we share from our abundance. The Save Saron Campaign for the building went really well in 2024, and we are still waiting for the insurance claim on the steeple to go through. This year we will be modernizing the elevator, which approximately will cost \$40,000. Please consider increasing your tithe to the general fund for this year.

Now is the time to give thanks to God for the strength of spirit of Saron-1st and to cheerfully give with a thankful heart so our ministries may continue. **We ask all to fill out the enclosed pledge card for 2025 and mail it back or drop in off at the office by February 2.** By turning in these pledge cards, the church council can develop and plan our annual budget and strategically plan for future ministries. We ask that you pray about how you will tithe to the church with your treasures, time, and/or gifts. We give each as we are able. **Our annual meeting will be February 23, 2025, after worship**

Thank you for your continued support of Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church. We pray that God continues to bless our ministry here.

Peace and Blessings,
The Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church Council

You will be receiving a pledge card in the mail, however, the pledge card on the next page can be used if you wish.

Save Saron Fundraisers

Jams & Jellies - \$5 or \$10 each on the cart in the Central Hall.
Place your money in the box.

Saron-1st Cookbooks - \$20 each available to purchase through the office.

PLEDGE CARD 2025

*Being a Beacon of
Hope*

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

So that others may know God's
grace and engage in God's work,
I/we plan to offer

\$ _____ for 2025 to
support Christ's mission through
this congregation.

*Sharing
God's Light*



"A light shines in the darkness
and the darkness did not
overcome it." -John 1:5



THE 117TH ANNUAL

Church Meeting

Saron Lutheran - 1st Presbyterian Church
708 8th Street, Hoquiam WA 98550

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

www.sarongraysharbor.org

**The following ministries need to have their reports to the office by
February 3rd, 2025. Thank you!**

Endowment Report for 2024
Memorial Fund Report for 2024
Martha Circle Report for 2024
Property Team Report for 2024



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 on January 29th and February 26th. Look for the sign-up sheets in the Center 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. Come eat a hot meal & bring your friends!

Union Gospel Mission

Team 3 is January 20th.
Team 4 is February 17th.
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 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 meetings will be on *January 16th and February 20th at 1:00pm* in the Fireside Room at Saron.

Join us for snacks and conversation in this casual book club.

Martha Circle

The next meeting will be held on *February 6th at 1pm* in Anderson Hall. Join us if you would like to be a member of this wonderful ministry that serves this church in so many capacities.

Choir

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

Adult Education:

The Improbable Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire: Patience Was Key

Wednesdays at 11:30am

February 5, 12, 19, 26, & March 5th
Did your parents say to you as a kid "patience is a virtue"? Historian Alan Kreider after decades of study wrote "The Patient Ferment of the Early Church" that shows patience was key to its growth under the Roman Empire. Dr. Kreider challenges traditional understandings, and contends the church grew because the virtue of patience was of central importance in the life and witness of the early Christians.

Girl Scouts

A big welcome to Girl Scout Troop #40949 who will be utilizing The Rose Center for their weekly meetings on Thursday evenings and occasional special events. Our agreement has this wonderful troop caring for the grounds at The Rose Center. If you have a child you would like to have join this Troop, contact Teri in the office for information.

A Prayer for the Bleak Midwinter

This time of year, when every bough is bare
And every corner of the sky a deadened gray,
It's hard to find signs of life in the created world—
And maybe also in ourselves.

Long past the vibrant joy of Christmas,
Not yet arrived at the nourishment of Lent,
The world around us and the world within us
Can seem decidedly dormant. Stilled. Frozen over.

In these cold and darkened days,
Remind us that you gently cradle all seasons,
And let us see with fresh hope the new life
That is borne within dry branches.

Remind us that the ice will melt,
First in tiny rivulets, then in rushing streams—
That living water will yet flow. Amen.

A Blessing for When You Don't Know How to Pray **By Kate Bowler**

Teach us how to pray, God,
when our faith doesn't feel like comfort.
when there are not easy answers or tidy scripts.
when there are no other words but lament.

Teach us how to pray, God,
when we see Christ in Gethsemane
at the center of it all.

Teach us how to pray, God,
when the Spirit groans alongside us,
speechless too, at the pain,
at the inexplicable, at the unfair.

Joining the chorus of others
in this agonized prayer. Teach us how to pray, God,
May our words of lament
turn toward acts of love,
as we remake this beautiful,
terrible world, together.

Amen.

Prayer from 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NAB)

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

Please keep the following in your prayers...

Yolanda Pearson & Family,
Family & friends of Jim Kirkpatrick,
Friends of Jimm & Barbara Royal,
The Rhodes Family,
Kjersten & Baby Anderson, Terry Johnson, Ed Bishop, Vada Kohn,
David Hamilton, Toni Black, Erika Mills, Ken Matheson, Mike Erkkinen,
Diana Petrich, John Buckles, Del Pelan, Barb Julian, Ron Bacon,
Lynn Tangvald, The Kelsey Family, Mic Patton, Jane Bacon,
Jeannette Bruun, Shirley Ward, Marie Ask, Barbara Bevans,
Arbie Irwin, Iver Matheson, Myles Robinson, Melissa Murray,
Chari Allen, Rose Hirschler

We also pray for those who are victims of war and violence,
disaster victims,
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.

JANUARY @ Saron-1st

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			PM out of office thru 1/6/25			11a-1p Aberdeen Youth Choir in Choir Room
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2 CHRISTMAS 10a Worship w/Sunday School 1 11a Birthday Fellowship	EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	PM returns	10a Coffee Hour 11a Church dedecorating 5-8p Sons of Norway 6:30p Choir Practice	10a Martha Circle Kitchen Cleaning 6p Homemakers		Youth Group trip to the Pierce College Planetarium 11a-1p Aberdeen Youth Choir in Choir Room
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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 10a Worship w/Sunday School 2 11a Fellowship Council Meeting PM to Bishop's Convocation thru Wed		6p Property Committee Meeting	10a Coffee Hour 6:30p Choir Practice	PM returns 1p L^3+P=(RIOT)		11a-1p Aberdeen Youth Choir in Choir Room
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2 EPIPHANY 10a Worship w/Choir & Sunday School 3 11a Fellowship	MLK JR DAY UGM Team 3 Office Closed		10a Coffee Hour 6:30p Choir Practice			11a-1p Aberdeen Youth Choir in Choir Room
26	27	28	29	30	31	
3 EPIPHANY 10a Worship w/Sunday School 4 11a Fellowship			10a Coffee Hour 5p-6:30p Community Meal 6:30p Choir Practice			

JANUARY @ The Rose Center

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			10:30a Harbor Food Pantry 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG			
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>5 EPIPHANY</p> <p>10a Worship w/Choir & Sunday School 6 11a Fellowship</p>	<p>7pm GHMTA Recital</p>		<p>10a Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:30a Adult Education</p> <p>6p Choir Practice</p>		VALENTINE'S DAY	
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<p>6 EPIPHANY</p> <p>10a Worship w/Sunday School 7 11a Fellowship</p>	<p>PRESIDENT'S DAY</p> <p style="color: red;">Office Closed</p> <p>UGM Team 4</p>		<p>10a Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:30a Adult Education</p> <p>6:30p Choir Practice</p>	<p>1p L^3+P=(RIOT)</p>		
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Assisting Minister Schedule

We have an Assisting Minister Binder that is available for you to sign up to assist at worship service on Sundays and special services. This Binder is available in the Center Hall on the table.

Lector: Reads the 1 or 2 readings that will be posted on the lectern.

Usher: Preps Worship space with candle lighting, hymn numbers, unlocks all doors & double checks elevator.

Hands out bulletins to incoming parishioners.

Sits in the back of the Sanctuary to oversee the service.

Walks the aisle with donation plate during the offering.

Records congregation count and collects tithes from offering plate.

After worship – lock main doors, blow out candles & turn off lights.

Attendance Record slip and all tithes are put in bank bag & given to Pastor or Teri.

Greeter: Stands in narthex to greet incoming parishioners and makes newcomers feel welcome.

Altar Guild: Preparation & clean-up of communion wine & bread
This position is assigned. If you cannot make it on the day you are scheduled, please contact another Altar Guild or the office.

Communion Asst: Delivers the wine during Communion.

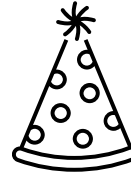
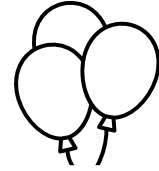
Altar Flowers: Brings flowers for the altar vases & arranges them before worship.

Fellowship Host: Set-up and clean-up for fellowship. Makes coffee & tea, brings goodies.

(If help is needed with the coffee pot, just ask)

Teams are set-up and assigned. Contact your team members if you are not available on the day your team is scheduled.

Sunday School: Leads the Sunday School lesson for that day.
Schedule made quarterly. If you would like to teach the kids, please contact the office for the Safe Space Policy and a background check.



Saron-1st Birthdays

We celebrate monthly birthdays on the first Sunday of the month during Fellowship. Cards are available to sign during the first 2 weeks of the month on the card table in the corner of Anderson Hall. Please take a moment to sign the cards as they bring joy to our friends!



Property Notes

**Thank you, Mark, for your incredible work in the "Quilt Room".
It will bring joyful organization for generations to come!**

Property Meeting on April 22nd 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 they will be noted when the work has been worked on or completed. We are hoping this will make a better trail for maintenance needs and completion, 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 & Girl Scout meetings, workshops, safe visitation space, some catering/baking, celebrations of life, meditation, bridal showers, clergy overnights, and a few birthday parties (it's a great spot for a party)!

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 February 2nd, after worship service.

Annual Meeting

Saron-1st 117th Annual Meeting will be held on February 23rd after
Worship Service in Anderson Hall.

Office Hours

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

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