



The Carillon

August 2025 – Special Edition

Dear Church Family –

We are facing a new season in our church life. As Pastor Michelle moves on to a new and exciting call, we are tasked with seeking out God's choice for our future pastor. As a Federated congregation, we have the benefit of drawing from both the Presbytery and the Synod for qualified pastoral candidates.

Church Council held a special meeting with Executive Presbyter Shari Monson Jackson (PCUSA) and Bishop's Associate Rebecca Shjerven (ELCA). A decision was made to seek a transitional/interim Pastor from within the PCUSA and to seek a permanent/settled pastor from the ELCA and with the possibility that we look at Presbyterians too. There is no hard and fast rule, so God may lead us to either a Lutheran or Presbyterian in the long run. Council has drafted a Transitional Pastor Job Posting which will be distributed by Executive Presbyter Shari Monson Jackson. Interested candidates have reached out to us even before the official post. The Council will review resumes, listen to sermons and conduct interviews among the pool of interested pastors.

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

Church Staff

Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp
Senior Pastor

Teri Julian
*Administrative Assistant,
Bookkeeper*

Phil Slep
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
Randall Daugherty, Secretary
Bailey Cavender, Treasurer

Teri Moody
LouJean O'Brien
Patti Barker
Mike Erkkinen

We will prayerfully consider each applicant and with prayer, discussion and discernment, make a selection for the Transitional Pastor. We anticipate that this pastor will serve for 6-18 months to provide a bridge between Pastor Michelle and a future permanent/settled pastor. A Pastoral Call Committee will be selected, consisting of 6 members, representing a cross-section of our congregation. The Committee will work with both the Presbytery and Synod to review credentials of qualified candidates. They will follow a similar process of going through resumes, listening to sermons and conducting interviews. It is possible that a few candidates will be invited to visit in person to preach and give the church an opportunity to meet them before a final decision is made and a call is issued. The Council has been praying about who might join the Call Committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact any Council Member.

Pulpit supply has been scheduled through September 15th and visitation will be covered by Pastor Pam Hunter and gifted fellow members. Emergency calls also have pastoral coverage. Every effort has been made to allow for a smooth transition.

Please pray for Pastor Michelle, your Church Council and Staff, your fellow congregants and pray for God's leading as we seek His will in selecting a future pastor for Saron Lutheran/First Presbyterian Church. Know that God is preparing us and our future pastor for what is to come. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. May God continue to bless you!

Ruth Hamilton, Council President



Please join us for a

Farewell LUNCH

Honoring

Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp

and her 10 years of service at

Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church

Thank you, Pastor Michelle!

SUNDAY	AUG	11:30AM
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708 8TH STREET, HOQUIAM

Contact Becky at 360-593-2616





TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
516 3RD STREET, HOQUIAM
5 PM - 8 PM

WE WILL HAMBURGERS,
HOTDOGS AND BBQ SALMON

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH,
SALAD OR DESSERT IF POSSIBLE.

LET'S HAVE A FUN NIGHT AND MEET ALL OF OUR
NEIGHBORS.

BRING A CHAIR AND COME SIT FOR A WHILE
HOSTED BY RICK, SARON LUTHERAN-1ST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DIANE, DAVE



You are cordially invited to
celebrate with us
the Installation of

Bishop
Keith Marshall

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY | 11 | October 2025
2 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1515 Harrison Ave NW
Olympia, WA 98502-5352

Southwestern Washington Synod - ELCA



SARON-1ST

Gospel Garden

MEETING TUESDAYS AT 9AM
THE ROSE CENTER
210 K ST, HOQUIAM

www.sarongraysharbor.org

Join us for our Gospel Garden Ministry on Tuesdays. We welcome all levels of green thumbs! Also, if you have an hour to spare in the morning during the week, contact Teri to be added to the Gospel Garden Water Team group. It's a wonderful thing that something so simple can help hundreds of folks.



Community Meal
August 26th

Look for the sign-up sheet in Moller Hall on the table. We will need kitchen help, set-up crew, clean-up crew, helpers/servers, donations of bread, salad, dessert, and drinks. The meal runs from 5-6:30pm. Come eat a hot meal & bring your friends!

Union Gospel Mission
Team 2 is August 18th

If you are interested in joining a team, please contact the office.

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.



Get A Life

(Al-Anon Family Group)
Mondays from 6pm-7pm
Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm

Holds hybrid meetings at The Rose Center (210 K Street, Hoquiam) twice a week. Their meetings are open to everyone.

Get A Life Al-Anon Family Group

[https://www.southpugetsou
ndal-anon.org/](https://www.southpugetsou
ndal-anon.org/)

Harbor Food Pantry

Wednesdays at 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.



Ministries

Coffee Hour

Wednesdays at 10am

You are invited to join us for our weekly Coffee Fellowship gathering in the Fireside Room at Saron. Bring a treat and some conversation.

L[^]3+P=(RIOT) Book Club

August 21st at 1:00pm

*The Lutheran Literary Ladies
plus Presbyterians equals
Reading Is Our Thing*

meets in the Fireside Room at Saron. Join us for treats and conversation in this casual book club.

Choir

Starting in September

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Scheduled Sundays at 10am

Come join us for our weekly Choir rehearsal to make joyful noise to the Lord! All abilities and ages are welcome. Performances are scheduled on Sundays September-June.



Girl Scouts

Thursdays from 5p-8p

Girl Scout Troop #40949 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.



Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.



We ask Your guidance
for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that

You be with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.

Amen.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

³ There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Prayer for the School Year

God of our past, our present and our future,
God of our dreams, our designs and our decisions,
Be love in us as we journey through this new school year.
Be our inner vision, that we may see life through your eyes,
Be our inner hearing, that we may listen well for your call,
Be our inner judgment, so we may discern clearly that which gives life,
Promotes growth, and nurtures love.

As we move into this school year,
fill us with hope and abiding trust that you dwell in us,
So that, in both joy and sorrow, we radiate hope.

Amen



Prayer of Gratitude for Beauty of Creation

God, our Creator of heaven and earth, how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of your creation.

We lift our prayer of gratitude as we see the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset.

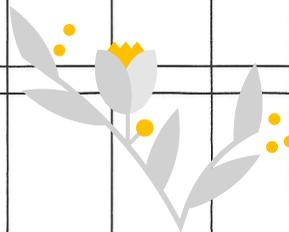
We are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that are in them.
We are enchanted by the flowers and trees which are clothed by you.
We are awed by all the animals you created.

For the beauty of the earth, the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon – we give you praise.

Amen.

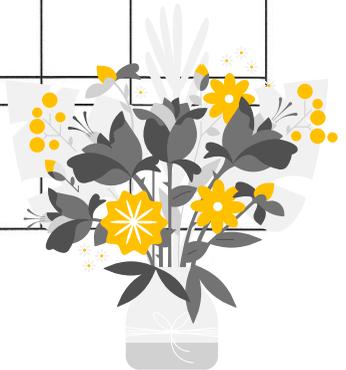
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LECT 18 (PENT 8) PM's last Sunday 10a Worship w/Choir performance 11a Fellowship & Birthday Celebration		Office Closed 9a Staff @ Garden 10:30a Centering Time at TRC 5-8p National Night Out at TRC	PM's last day in office 10a Coffee Hour			
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LECT 19 (PENT 9) 10a Worship 11a Fellowship 12:30p Taylor's Baby Shower at The Rose Center		Office Closed 9a Staff @ Garden 10:30a Centering Time at TRC	10a Coffee Hour			
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LECT 21 (PENT 11) 10a Worship 11a Fellowship		WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY Office Closed 9a Staff @ Garden 10:30a Centering Time at TRC 12-4p Youth Beach Day	10a Coffee Hour 5-6:30p Community Meal			
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LECT 22 (PENT 12) 10a Worship 11a Fellowship PM END OF CALL						



AUGUST @ The Rose Center

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Happy August

Birthday

2nd - Annette Biorstad

9th - Pat Warren

10th - Taylor Rae Julian

13th - Aaron Dyer

14th - Isabelle Dyer

15th - Jenny Fisher

19th - Sue Swantek

25th - Lois Carroll

25th - Sarah Little

26th - Lori Renee'

28th - Michelle de Beauchamp

30th - Ed Rosi



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!



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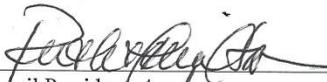
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7/20/25

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING: Between the Reverend Michelle de Beauchamp and the Congregation of Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church

This is to make clear the former pastor's role as he or she departs the Congregation of Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church. This information is shared with the congregation so that all may understand the role and responsibilities of the former pastor.

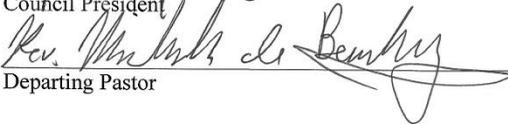
1. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship, effective 8/31 signifies his/her understanding that all pastoral functions with Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church are terminated as of that date. Any invitations for pastoral services will be referred to the transitional pastor or installed pastor or council.
2. When a pastor leaves a church, there are bonds of affection between the minister and members of the church, which continue to be cherished. Relations of friendship continue, but the pastoral relationship does not. In order to spare ministers and church members from embarrassment, and to encourage the new pastoral relationship that will be established, the Presbytery/Synod directs that the church be reminded of these requirements:
3. The former pastor agrees that he/she will not officiate or assist at any sacraments, weddings, or funerals connected with this church, unless invited by the transitional/installed pastor or the council. He/she expects to exercise his/her ministry in other churches. This will prevent divided loyalties in the congregation and pressures on either the former or future pastors or interim pastors.
4. The former pastor agrees not to attend this church to worship or participate in any other way until invited to do so by the council and the current pastor or has permission from the Commission on Ministry (COM) in the Presbytery of Olympia and/or the bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod. He/she also agrees not to engage in any conversation that evaluates, assesses or comments upon the ongoing affairs of the church.
5. If, after a suitable period of time, there is a desire on the part of the next installed pastor to review any of the above items, he/she may instigate that with the consent of the council. They must do this with input from either COM (Presbytery of Olympia) or the Southwestern Washington Synod. This is provided the former pastor is willing for such review and re-negotiation to occur.



Council President

7/20/25

Date



Departing Pastor

7/20/25

Date

Synod or Presbytery Representative

Date

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR SEARCH AND INTERVIEW PROGRESS

JOB POSTING

The Church Council drafts a one-page job posting. The Council approves of the posting and shares it with the presbytery and the synod. The various Lutheran and Presbyterian pastors who are interested in being our transitional pastor apply through the presbytery and the synod.

1

REVIEW APPLICANTS

Church Council reviews resumes and cover letters, working with Rebecca (synod) and Shari (presbytery). They will send us the applications they receive. Council will review any sermons and links provided, as well as any websites or social media.

2

FIRST INTERVIEW

This is the screening interview, a shorter interview to see if we want to schedule a longer, more in-depth interview.

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SECOND INTERVIEW

This is a longer interview, with questions that are designed for the applicant to give real-life examples to show their skills and experiences. This interview helps the Council decide if they want to call references for an applicant.

4

REFERENCE CHECK

The Council makes reference calls, and, if necessary, holds a third round of interviews. This third round of interviews would happen if we were struggling between two candidates or needed clarification about something regarding a candidate.

5

OFFER/NEGOTIATION

The Council holds the final vote on the applicant. One or two members call the applicant to extend a job offer with a proposed salary package details. The applicant takes a day or two to think and pray about the offer, and may meet with the Council to negotiate the salary terms.

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Our Transitional Pastor Arrives and the call process for our new Pastor begins!

WHAT IS A TRANSITIONAL PASTOR?

The Transitional Pastor is responsible to lead the congregation in six developmental tasks:

1. Reflect on its history and previous relationships with pastors.
2. Seek spiritual renewal
3. Understanding its call to ministry today and future ministry planning
4. Facilitate leadership or organizational changes needed to move into the future.
5. Nurture denominational connections.
6. Prepare to welcome new pastoral leadership and a new future.

-Guide in seeking the needs of the congregation

-Moderate any church meetings

-Provide administrative leadership, including supervising staff

-Lead worship, including regular preaching and administration of the sacraments, and arrange for a substitute preacher if not present.

-Officiate at weddings and funerals.

-Act as an ex-officio member of committees and groups as assigned by the Presbytery and the Synod.

-Train newly elected officers.

-Provide pastoral care and visit homebound as time permits.

-Be accountable to the Presbytery of Olympia and the Southwestern Washington Synod.

-Pray for the church

-Understand that the Transitional Pastor is not typically eligible to be called as the next installed Pastor.

-Other duties as agreed upon by the Synod and the Presbytery.

THE PROCESS OF CALLING OUR NEW PASTOR

CALL COMMITTEE FORMED

The Call Committee Members are prayerfully nominated by the Church Council to be a group representative of the church as a whole. They prayerfully consider being part of this committee.

1

JOB POSTING

The Call Committee drafts a one-page job posting. The various pastors from the presbytery and the synod who are interested in being our permanent pastor apply through the presbytery and the synod.

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APPLICATION REVIEW

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Our New Full-Time Pastor
Arrives!

Property Notes

Property Meeting July 22nd at 6pm in the Fireside Room.

Grays Harbor Saron Lutheran/ 1st Pres. Property Committee Meeting

July 22, 2025

Members Present: Mark Johnson, Karla Johnson, Mike Erkinen, Dan Varland, Dale Larson, John Rhodes / Visitor Ray Kahler

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Johnson.

Dale made motion to accept the minutes as written. Dan 2nd and the motion was approved.

Work Request Forms from Binder:

Left bathroom toilet seat is broken and comes off. / Mark will take a look at that.

Teri reported that the left banner holder in the sanctuary is loose. / Mark will look at that.

Teri reported that the motion detector switch in the front bathroom wasn't working correctly which occasionally causes the light and fan to remain on all night. / Mark will check it out.

Barbara made a request that we get someone to paint the 2 bathrooms by the back door as well as painting the floor in that area as well as updating the décor. We will look into getting someone to take on that job.

Knut reported that there was possibly some shingles missing on the SW side of the steeple.

This project will be addressed when the steeple repairs are completed.

Old Business:

Mark is about ready to take on the project of refinishing the extra set of doors for the entry up to the sanctuary. We will get the doors transferred to our garage where he will do the work and then we will replace the current doors with the newly refinished set. He will then refinish the current set. Dan and Dale volunteered to help haul the doors to Montesano and the changing of the doors when needed.

Martha's Circle had offered to buy a new stove to replace the one that was affected by the lightning. A good portion of the ladies said that they thought they would be able to work with the oven as it, for now. Committee thought it best to leave it as is, if they are OK with it. We would need to get an electrician in to change the wiring for a new stove.

New Business:

There are no new project ideas.

Ray asked if anyone from the committee was up to date on the repairs for the lightning damage and where we are as far as insurance money and out of pocket expenses. No one from the committee was up to date on any of that. Ray stated that we would need a member of the committee to be a liaison with the contractors for the upcoming work since Pastor Michelle will be leaving. I asked if it would be beneficial for some of the committee to meet with Pastor and get up to date on all of the upcoming projects as well as ones that had been completed. Ray said that he would see about setting that up.

Mark brought up the fact that we will be a member short since Phil will no longer be here. Ray offered to fill that position for the time being and he would also be a liaison between the

council and property committee. Mike made motion to accept Ray as new member, Dan 2nd All approved.

Ray said that Bailey was working on getting grants to have the driveway at the Rose Center paved and also something done to the parking lot at the church. Ray wasn't exactly sure what the one at the church would be for.

Because it is the last meeting before the fall, Mark asked if there was anyone that wanted to take on either the position of Chairman or Secretary.. Mark and I are both willing to stay in these positions at this time if no one else wants to step in. Dan made motion to maintain officers as they stand. Mike 2nd All approved.

Mike made motion to adjourn meeting. Dan 2nd

Meeting Adjourned.

Projects that need attention

if anyone would be willing to take on one of the projects listed, it would be greatly appreciated

Final restoration work on the actual, old fountain-location itself.

**Rebuilding or Replacing three outside ceiling light fixtures by entrance on the 8th St. side.
(not to sanctuary entrance)**

Skirting repairs at several locations around the new part of the church building.

Repainting the parking bumpers and yellow sidewalk edges in the parking lot.

Touch up painting in the Moller Hall – Main entry area ceiling (left over from the flat roof replacement job.)

Repair, repaint the concrete steps outside of the main steeple entry doors- (dry weather only)

Spray and / or burn weeds all around the church grounds, parking lot, sidewalks, etc. (This is continuous and ongoing.)

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. Thank you for your generous hearts and hands.

The Rose Center

The Rose Center proudly hosts 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 at (360) 532-4611 or email sarongraysharbor@gmail.com.

Saron-1st Council

The next Council Meeting will be scheduled in August, after worship service.

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs
9:00am – 1:00pm

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