



The Carillon

July 2025

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

Dear Church,
If you haven't read my letter about my leaving, we put it in the back of this Carillon. I hope you will read it. Council is working on the transition with the Synod and Presbytery. This being my last newsletter letter I thought I would write one that goes with my sermon series on leadership. I remember as a child hearing the name Oscar Romero but not really knowing who he was. It was not until I was in seminary studying liberation theology that I heard his story. Saint Romero (yes, he was canonized by the Catholic church in 2018) was a Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop that was an advocate for the oppressed and poor during El Salvador's Civil War. He preached about peace and care for neighbors. If you have seen the movie "Romero" (it is a great movie) it shows even his struggle with being in a position of authority and how God called him to open his heart and change his ways to preach for peace and advocate for the oppressed in El Salvador. He was killed while presiding over mass on March 24, 1980. He gave people hope when they felt hopeless and preached and taught the gospel in his community.

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I have found his sermons and other writings to be a comfort and inspiration when it is hard to hope, in times of transitions and to remind me why I follow Jesus. I would like to share one of his prayers with you below.

A Prayer from Archbishop Oscar Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,

It is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete,

Which is another way of saying that

The Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that should be said.

No prayer fully expressed our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

Knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produce effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything,

And there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
A step along the way,
An opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
But that is the difference
Between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders,
Ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future that is not our own. Amen.
I love Saron-1st. May God bless all you servants and workers as you
continue to follow Christ into the future.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle

**New Members Class and Welcome
Sunday, July 20 at 8:30AM**

There will be a new member class with a light
breakfast at 8:30AM on Sunday July 20th in the
Fireside Room. Sunday worship that day we will be
welcoming and praying for our new members. Please
contact Pastor Michelle if you would like to become a
member and attend the class.

CALL TO ACTION for Harbor Food Pantry

On Saturday July 12th at 10am

**Harbor Food Pantry needs help emptying the dry box and organizing items in the garage. It is important that people who are available show up since all the youth families are gone for Lutherwood Family Camp and Teri is on vacation. If you have an hour to spare that would be really helpful. Not all items are heavy FYI.
Contact Rick Parker for questions at (360) 593-0543.**

YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

**FUN IN
THE SUN!**

**JULY
11-13**

LUTHERWOOD FAMILY CAMP

Lutherwood Camp in Oregon

YOUTH PLAY AND PICNIC 10AM-2PM

**BRING A LUNCH AND COME
PLAY SOME GAMES AND
SWIM!**

Meet at Twin Bridges Park 29 County RD in Montesano

**JULY
24**

SUMMER END BEACH DAY 12PM-4PM

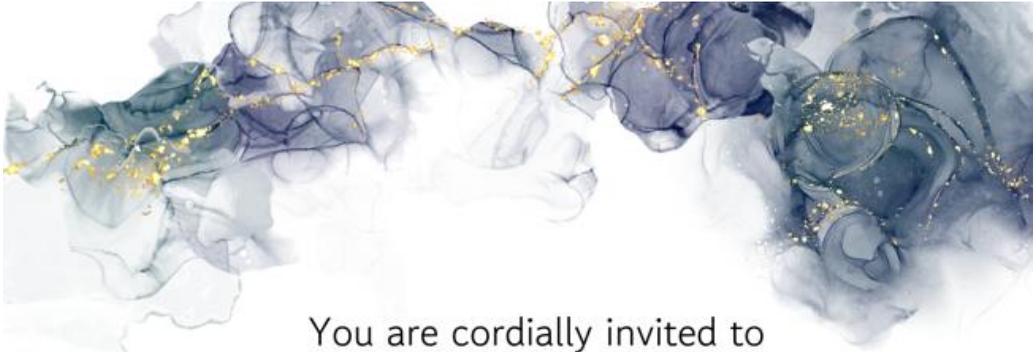
**AUG
26**

**BRING A LUNCH AND COME
PLAY IN THE SAND OR BIKE!**

Meet in parking lot by the picnic tables at Westport
Light State Park 1600 Ocean Ave in Westport (this is
the part down from the lighthouse).

MORE INFO:

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You are cordially invited to
celebrate with us
the Installation of

Bishop
Keith Marshall

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY | 11 | October 2025

Time and Location To Be Determined

Southwestern Washington Synod - ELCA





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
July 30th

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 1 is July 21

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.

L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club

July 21 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.

Sermon Series: How God Calls Us to Lead

July 6 - August 3

This summer we will have a 5-part sermon series on different kinds of leadership that are in the Bible. Maybe you don't feel like a leader, but you actually are? God calls each of us to lead in a variety of ways and that is what makes us a beautiful tapestry as a church. I invite all of you to listen, celebrate, and contemplate with me all the kinds of leaders we have as examples in the Bible and in this church.

Breath of Summer Prayer

Creator God
who breathed this world into being,
who is discernible within
the harmony of nature,
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
the grandeur of a mountain range,
the soaring eagle and humming bird,
thank you for this world
which you have created.
Thank you for summer sun,
which reminds us
that your creative breath
is still alive and active.
Thank you for the warmth of your love,
sustaining this world,
your garden. Amen.

A Celtic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.
May the road rise to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May the rains fall softly upon your fields.
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, harmony;

Where there is error, truth;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may no so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen.

Romans 12:2-5

² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Prayer for Times of Transition by Joseph P. Shadle

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have
blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this
moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to
our own work.

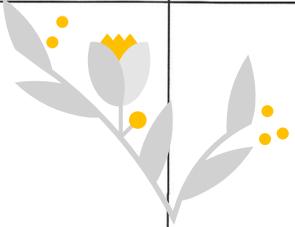
Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one
another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

For all of those who we speak now
or for whom we think of in our hearts and minds.



JULY @ Saron-1st

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		Office Closed 9a Staff @ Garden 10:30a Centering Time at TRC	10a Coffee Hour		INDEPENDENCE DAY	11a Aberdeen Founders Day Parade
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LECT 14 (PENT 4) 10a Worship 11a Fellowship & Birthday Celebration	Teri gone thru 7/18	Office Closed 9a Staff @ Garden 10:30a Centering Time at TRC	10a Coffee Hour		Family Camp at Camp Lutherwood OR	10a Call to Action at The Rose Center Family Camp
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
LECT 15 (PENT 5) Family Camp 10a Worship 11a Fellowship	PM gone thru 16th →	Office Closed 9a Volunteers @ Garden 10:30a Centering Time at TRC	PM returns 10a Coffee Hour	1p L ³ +P= (RIOT)	Teri returns	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
LECT 16 (PENT 6) 8:30a New Member Breakfast 10a Worship Memorial for Denise Perigo-Baker Amy Hooper Baptism New Member Installation 11a Fellowship	UGM Team 1	Office Closed 9a Staff @ Garden 10:30a Centering Time at TRC 6p Property Committee Mtg	10a Coffee Hour	10a Youth Group at Twin Bridges Park		9a-1p Yard Sale at The Rose Center - Royal Estate & donations
27	28	29	30	31		
LECT 17 (PENT 7) 10a Worship 11a Fellowship		Office Closed 9a Staff @ Garden 10:30a Centering Time at TRC	10a Coffee Hour 5-6:30p Community Meal			

JULY @ The Rose Center

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Dear Church,

I write this letter with joy and grief. Bishop-Elect Keith Marshall has offered me the role of Bishop's Associate for the Southwestern Washington Synod. After much discernment and prayer, I have accepted the position. This is an amazing opportunity for me to serve on the synodical level our congregations, rostered ministers, ecumenical partners, and more. My time here at Saron-1st has prepared me for this new role in so many ways. Thank you. My last Sunday at Saron-1st will be August 3, 2025, and my last office day will be August 6, 2025. We will for the rest of August be taking vacation to move out of the parsonage.

I love this congregation, and we have been through so much. We are a flourishing ELCA/PCUSA federated church. Saron-1st is truly active in our community living out our callings to be a beacon of hope in Grays Harbor - shining the light of Jesus.

When I first arrived here, Saron was on the edge, and many said that the church was worried they would have to turn the lights off. Now this is one of the healthiest churches in the Presbytery and Synod. We have active ministries, new people showing up, it's an intergenerational church and has so much potential for even more. You all heard the calling of the Holy Spirit to be the church here and answered! Look how you are thriving now!

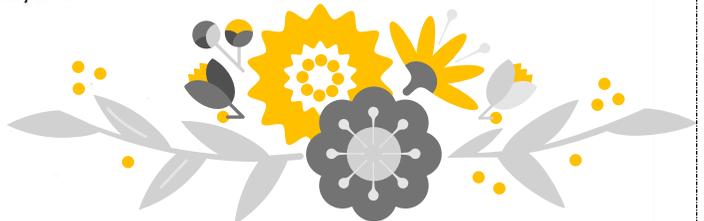
The beauty of being affiliated with 2 denominations is you get double the care with this time of transition. The Executive Presbyter Rev. Shari Jackson-Monson and Bishop's Associate Rev. Rebecca Shjerven (until mid-August) will be walking with you through this time. The council leadership has a plan and will be working hard to make this time of transition and grief one of support and care.

Lastly, what this means for my family. We are not leaving the Harbor. Bishop-Elect Marshall said I can live anywhere we want in the synod. My family has decided we will move into a house in Aberdeen and still be part of this community. For this first year we will be attending Amazing Grace Lutheran Church and Phil/Claire will be participating in our joint youth ministry.

It has been an honor serving you as pastor for almost 10 years. May God bless each of you and this church during this time of transition. I will always hold Saron-1st in my heart and in my prayers.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp





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

Property Meeting July 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. Thank you for your generous hearts and hands.

The Rose Center

We will be having a Yard Sale at The Rose Center on July 26th from 9am to 1pm. All proceeds benefit Saron-1st Ministries. If you have items you would like to donate for this sale, we ask that you hold onto those items until July 21st. At that time, we will have a drop space for your items.

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.

Office Hours

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

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