



The Carillon

January & February 2026

Dear friends,

This past year has been filled with endings, transitions, and new beginnings. We've witnessed the transition of government leaders and changes in public policies, said goodbye to Pastor Michelle and watched her move into her new role, and I've had the joy of arriving as your new transitional pastor. We've mourned loved ones who have passed into their heavenly home, and we've celebrated new faces joining us through birth and invitation. As the saying goes, the only constant in life is change.

But there is another constant—God's unwavering love. God's love never stops for you, for me, or for all of humanity. His love is so great that he became human in the person of Jesus to share his light and life with us, then in human form and now living in us today. Jesus' birth and sacrificial death demonstrate the radical beauty of God's love—a love that does whatever it takes for us to experience Shalom. As we step into this new year, my prayer is that we carry the power of God's love with us wherever we go.

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

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Transitional Pastor

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*Administrative Assistant,
Bookkeeper*

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Troy George
Choir Director

Sue Swantek
Wednesday Coffee Hour Host

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LouJean O'Brien
Patti Barker
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This January, we'll begin an exciting six-month journey of reflection and discernment together. We'll start by exploring the story of Saron-First from its beginning, identifying the core values that have sustained this congregation throughout its history. In February and March, we'll turn our attention to who Saron-First is today, taking an honest and hopeful look at our current reality. After Easter, we'll begin the joyful work of envisioning what's next for Saron-First and identifying the areas of focus for the next five years.

You'll have multiple opportunities throughout these six months to share your voice and be part of this discernment process. The Church Council and Call Committee will gather your input into a mission and ministry profile that will guide them in identifying your next pastor and hopefully give you a renewed sense of purpose and vision for the future.

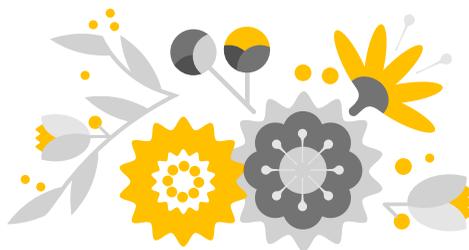
Beyond creating a clear picture of who Saron-First is and where you want to go, I'll be working with the Church Council to identify actions we can begin implementing even before your next pastor arrives.

My hope is that the Call Committee will be ready to begin the search for your next pastor by summer's end. However, as with any discernment process, it's important to hold timelines with open hands. As we move forward together, we may discover things that require more or less time than anticipated, or insights that lead us in unexpected directions. The timing and the path are truly in the Holy Spirit's hands. Let's commit to praying for one another and strive to faithfully listen and follow where God leads.

I feel tremendously blessed to be on this journey with you, and I'm excited to see where God will lead us together.

With joy and gratitude,

Pastor Lisa Woicik





Community Meal

January 28th

February 25th

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 3 is January 19th

Team 4 is February 16th

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

Outreach Closet

The cold, gray, rainy weather is here! 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. Coats, hats, gloves, blankets & socks are needed.* 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.southpugetsoundal-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

January 15th, 1pm

February 19th, 1pm at the library

*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

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Scheduled Sundays 9:30-11am

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.

Martha Circle

January 20th – Kitchen cleaning

February 5th, 1pm – next meeting

The ladies of Martha Circle will be having their annual holiday potluck and ornament exchange. Join us if you would like to be part of a lovely group doing the good things.

Traveling Blessings

by appointment

Contact Pastor Pam Hunter if you would like to schedule an appointment with our Spiritual Director.

Girl Scouts

Thursdays from 5pm-8pm

Girl Scout Troop #40949 will be utilizing The Rose Center for their weekly meetings on Thursday evenings and occasional special events. If you have a child you would like to have join this Troop, contact Teri in the office for information.

PRAYERS

For God's Love:

"Lord, in the midst of winter, when days are short and cold, remind us of the warmth of your love. In the darkness, your light still shines. Help us see your presence even in the bleakness, as we await the promise of spring and Easter."

For Shelter:

"Creator of the stars, bless the long nights. Come to those who suffer, grant rest to the weary, and hope to the despairing. Strengthen us as we await your coming again."

Finding Hope:

"Lord of ice and evergreens, work beneath the surface of my life as nature does. Use this season to prepare me for flourishing. Help me find joy in the season and be a source of your warmth to others."

Reflecting on Life's Cycles:

"Lord, just as winter reminds us of our mortality, remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. May we find warmth in your love and the community of faith as we wait for new life."

For the Homeless:

"Dear Lord, we pray for those without shelter in the cold. Be with them, provide for their needs, and move us to act with compassion and serve them with dignity."

During Storms:

"Heavenly Father, be with those suffering from extreme weather. Comfort them and use your followers to bring relief. Bring people closer to you through this difficult time."



JANUARY @ Saron-1st

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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				New Year's Day PL Holiday Office Closed		
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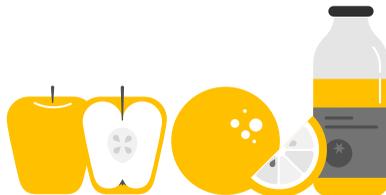
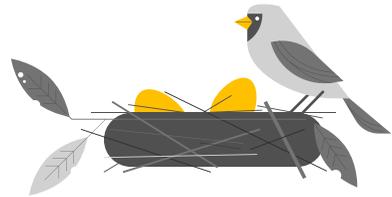
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5 Epiphany 10a Worship Choir Sunday School 11a Fellowship	6:30-9:30pm GHMTA Student Recital & Reception	6p Property Maintenance Team meeting	10a Coffee Hour 6:30p Choir rehearsal			Valentine's Day
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Transfiguration of our Lord PL PTO 10a Worship Sunday School 11a Fellowship	Presidents' Day PL Holiday Office Closed UGM Team 4	Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pancake Feed?	Ash Wednesday 10a Coffee Hour 6:30p Choir rehearsal	1p L^3+P=(RIOT) Book Club - (at the library)		
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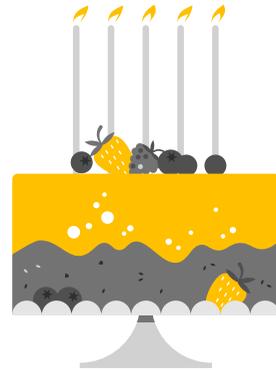
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Happy Birthday

January

- 4th - Diana Petrich
- 11th - Tom Rowley
- 12th - Brett Pelan
- 12th - Myka Wayman-Seibert
- 14th - Tim Pelan (Jr.)
- 15th - Randall Daugherty
- 15th - Loki Julian
- 16th - Gretchen Klein
- 18th - Mark Johnson
- 18th - Judy Brady
- 20th - Del Pelan
- 21st - Sarah Rhodes
- 22nd - Dave Smith
- 24th - Claire Olafsen
- 28th - Vada Kohn
- 30th - Donna Pelan
- 31st - Nancy Rowley



Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY

- 3rd - Dakota Lord
- 3rd - Joyce Easton
- 8th - Kelsey Klein
- 10th - Pirjo Tuominen
- 11th - James Ray
- 13th - Vicki Lentz
- 15th - Pam Pelan
- 15th - Eric Nessa
- 22nd - Kjersten Kellogg
- 26th - Marlene Kellar
- 27th - David Nessa

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!



A CALL TO SERVE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP DEPENDS ON THE LOVING HANDS AND WILLING
HEARTS OF OUR CONGREGATION
— AND WE NEED YOU.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS LECTORS, USHERS,
GREETERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, AND FELLOWSHIP TEAM MEMBERS.
EACH OF THESE ROLES IS A SIMPLE BUT MEANINGFUL WAY TO SHARE GOD'S
LOVE, WELCOME OTHERS, AND STRENGTHEN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.

WHETHER YOU'VE SERVED BEFORE OR ARE CONSIDERING IT FOR THE FIRST
TIME, WE WOULD BE BLESSED BY YOUR PARTICIPATION. TRAINING IS HAPPILY
PROVIDED, AND EACH ROLE CAN BE SCHEDULED AROUND YOUR
AVAILABILITY.

IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO HELP, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BINDER IN MOLLER
HALL, OR SPEAK WITH TERI IN THE OFFICE. YOUR SERVICE TRULY MAKES A
DIFFERENCE.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP AND HELPING OUR
CONGREGATION GROW IN FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP, AND CONTINUING TO BE
A BEACON OF LIGHT IN GRAYS HARBOR.



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Property Notes

Property Meeting - February 10th 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

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 is scheduled for January 11th, after worship service.

Office Hours

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

Saron - 1st Church Office

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