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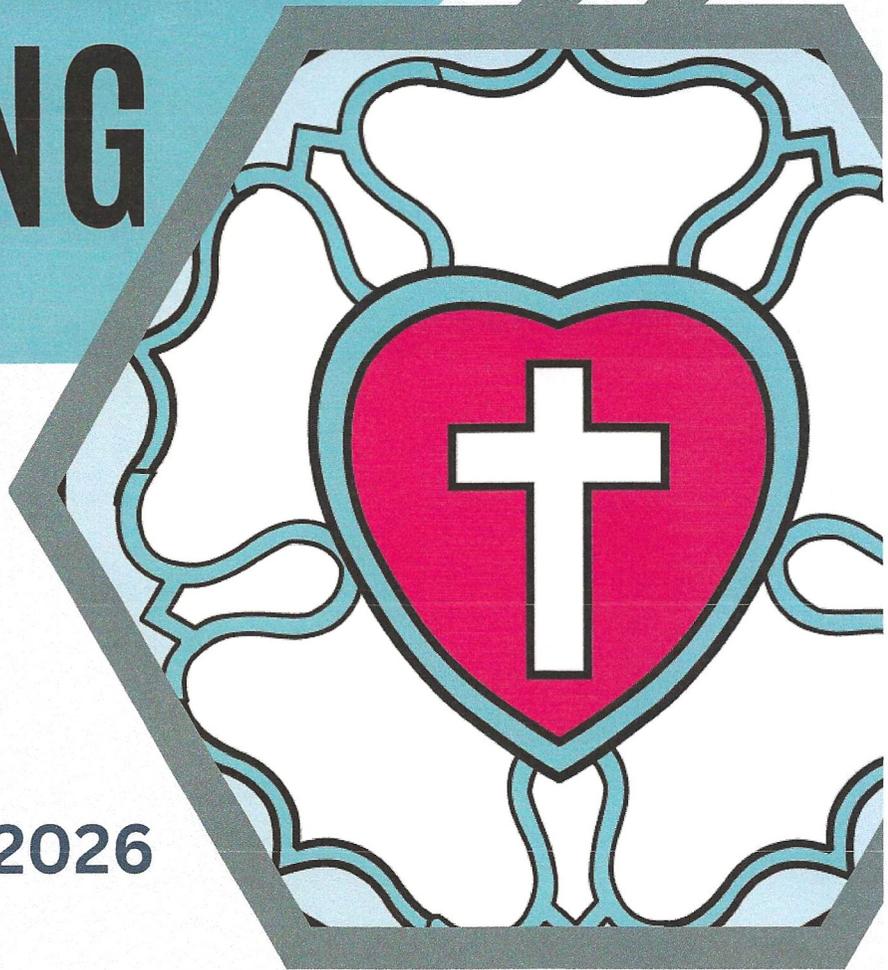
Church Council

Ruth Hamilton - President
Ray Kahler - Vice President
Randall Daugherty - Secretary
Bailey Cavender - Treasurer
Teri Moody
LouJean O'Brien
Patti Barker

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Saron Lutheran - 1st Presbyterian Church

118TH ANNUAL MEETING



**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**11:30AM
ANDERSON HALL**



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Agenda
118th Annual Congregational Meeting
Saron Lutheran – 1st Presbyterian Church
February 22, 2026

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Minutes of 117th Annual Meeting, February 23, 2025

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Martha Circle Fund Report 2025

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Outreach Report 2025

2025 Report from Boots for Bears

Music & Worship Report 2025

Youth Report 2025

Education Report 2025

Adjourn with Prayer

Saron Lutheran/First Presbyterian Church
117th Annual Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2025
Meeting at 11:00 am

Members in attendance:

In person:

Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp

Patti Barker, Bailey Cavender, Randall Daugherty, Mike Erkkinen, Roy Evans, Barbara Fairchild, Ruth Hamilton, Kari Hasbrouck, Kim Homchick, John Hunter, Pamela Hunter, Karla Johnson, Mark Johnson, Teri Julian, Ray Kahler, Marlene Kellar, Carrie Larson, Dale Larson, Ingrid Larson, John Larson, Maureen LeVering, Drew Little, Ken Matheson, Teri Moody, Timothy Moon, LouJean O'Brien, Philip Olafsen, Donna Pelan, Diana Petrich, JoAnn Ray, Becky Root, John Sullivan, Susan Swantek, Haldis Totland, Knut Totland, Dan Varland, Susan Varland, Harold Warren, Pat Warren, Kathleen Watness, Callie White, Sharal Whitecliff-Patton

(Minutes prepared by Mike Erkkinen, Church Council Secretary)

Call to Order

Ruth Hamilton, Church Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. A quorum was present.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp led off the meeting with an opening prayer.

Change to Agenda

Randall Daugherty made a motion requesting a change to the agenda to place the special presentation from Boots for Bears at the top of the agenda. LouJean O'Brien seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Special Presentation from Boots for Bears

The Boots for Bears representative spoke to the attendees. She has two daughters as school teachers. There is a need for boots, coats, and hats among the school children. A man named Joe Cornell started the project to obtain clothing. Four core people then started Boots for Bears at Emerson School. They talked to Pastor Michelle and the Church Council. The need is also present at Lincoln, Central Middle School, and Hoquiam High School. They have distributed hundreds of articles of clothing and received letters of thanks from the schools. They have also received contributions from businesses, individuals, and fundraisers. Boots for Bears is now thinking of branching out to Wishkah, Pacific Beach, and Ocean Shores. Pastor Michelle has been a huge help, and has given 25 packs of socks from Linda Borth. The speaker then answered questions from congregation members.

Minutes of 116th Annual Meeting, February 25, 2024

Minutes from the 116th Annual Meeting, held on February 25, 2024, were reviewed. Pam Hunter made a motion to offer a friendly amendment at the bottom of the first page. Rather than "total attendance" it should refer to "average attendance" of 125. Phil Olafsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sue Varland made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Randall Daugherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council President's Letter

Ruth Hamilton summarized the President's Letter that is included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report provided at the meeting.

Senior Pastor's Letter

Pastor Michelle discussed her letter to the congregation. The letter is included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report.

Congregational Records for 2024

Pastor Michelle summarized the congregational records for 2024. Congregational Records Report is included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report. Average Sunday worship attendance, including in-person and online worshippers, was double the number from the previous year.

Elections 2025

Pastor Michelle announced that there is one new vacancy on the Church Council, as Tony Enzler is leaving Council. Bailey Cavender has agreed to fill the position. Callie White made a motion to approve Bailey for the position. Patti Barker seconded the motion. The congregation then elected her to the Council by unanimous vote. Pastor Michelle announced that we need a man and a woman to attend the synod convention at Pacific Lutheran University. Patti Barker nominated Callie White and Don Hunter to attend. LouJean O'Brien made a motion to accept Callie White and Don Hunter to attend the synod convention. Diana Petrich seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report 2024 and Budget for 2025

A message from Tony Enzler, Council Treasurer, was provided. We need to work to increase tithing pledges in order to meet expenses. But overall we are doing well. Non-pledged giving usually makes up the difference. Per a question from Mark Johnson, addressing the lightning strike is still a moving target regarding insurance, etc. Per a question from Dan Varland, Pastor Michelle said that we are repairing, not replacing, the elevator. Bailey Cavender made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Randall Daugherty, and approved unanimously. Drew Little made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report. Sharal Whitecliff-Patton seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Endowment Report for 2024

Pastor Michelle summarized the Endowment Report included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report.

Memorial Fund Report for 2024

Pastor Michelle summarized the Memorial Fund Report included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report.

Martha Circle Report for 2024

Becky Root discussed the Martha Circle Report 2024 included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report. There is one correction for the plant sale. It should be \$1,000, not \$300. Thanks to Sharal for her efforts on the sale. The report is included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report.

Building Maintenance/Property Team Report for 2024

Mark Johnson summarized the Building Maintenance/Property Team Report included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report. Becky Root thanked Mark for all he does, especially noting his upgrade to the storage room. And thanks to Martha Circle for funding the upgrade. Pastor Michelle thanked Knut Totland for totally overhauling the upstairs bathroom.

Outreach Report for 2024

Pastor Michelle summarized the Outreach Report included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report. She gave thanks to folks for all their effort on the community meals. The girl scouts pay for their use of the Rose Center. They mow the lawn! The book club has more non-church members than church members. The Aberdeen youth choir is very good. We could have them come sing in the sanctuary.

Music & Worship Report for 2024

Pastor Michelle summarized the Music and Worship Report included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report. She also gave thanks to the choir. They are small but mighty. And thanks for all the opportunities for kids.

Youth Ministry Report for 2024

Pastor Michelle summarized the Youth Ministry Report included in the 2025 Annual Meeting Report.

Other Comments

Phil Olafsen gave a shout out to all the good work done by all the committees.
Barbara Fairchild gave thanks to the Church Council for the work on behalf of Saron/First.

Adjourn with Prayer

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm with a closing prayer from Pastor Michelle.

Council President's Letter 2025

February 22, 2026

Dear Church Family -

We have entered into a new year together. Looking back, we can see that God has brought us down pathways we didn't anticipate. One of our major changes was having Pastor Michelle leave to take on a new challenge. It was hard to see her go, yet we couldn't hold her back from God's calling. We are fortunate, as a federated Lutheran-Presbyterian congregation, to have the support of both the Synod and the Presbytery. With the help of these leaders, we had excellent pulpit supply and successfully called our Transitional Pastor, Rev. Lisa Woicik. She is thoughtfully and skillfully guiding us through the process of seeing who we are as a congregation and determining where God is leading us. During this period, God will be preparing us as well as our future Called Pastor. Although this can seem to be a time of uncertainty, we can wholeheartedly trust that God is in control, and He will reveal his plans for us in due time.

One year after our steeple was destroyed, we put out an appeal for funds needed to rebuild the steeple and to install a lightning rod system. This effort covered the gap between insurance monies and other fundraising activities. Through the gifts of two generous donors, we have exceeded the target. Work will soon begin, with completion anticipated this summer. Once again, God has provided in ways we didn't expect.

Outreach into our community continues and grows. The Rose Center hosts Al-anon, Girl Scouts, Weekly Centering Time, Spiritual Direction counseling, Harbor Food Pantry, the Community Garden, fundraisers, youth events and other groups. Our teams provide monthly Community Meals and Union Gospel Mission meals, and the church hosts several groups including L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club, Homemakers, VASA and Sons of Norway, as well as supporting Gift Cards for Grizzlies, Boots for Bears, the Hoquiam Food & Clothing Bank and providing hygiene supplies for the homeless. Members of our congregation are actively involved in other community groups, as well.

We have worshipped together, prayed together, mourned together and rejoiced together, caring for one another and reaching out to care for others. Some of our folks have moved away, some have gone home to heaven, and we have had new members join us. We continue to be a beacon of hope in Grays Harbor and beyond. And we have been blessed!! Our church is healthy and faithful, with you, its members, expressing in so many ways a willingness to serve. Thank you for your hard work and generous hearts! May God continue to bless each of us beyond what we expect.

May blessings abound,

Ruth Hamilton, Council President

Transitional Pastor Letter 2025

Dear Friends,

It has been a joy to serve as your pastor these past few months. While transition is never easy, I have witnessed a congregation that continues to meet change with patience, openness, and unwavering dedication to one another and to the life of this church. I am deeply grateful for the warmth with which you have welcomed me and for the genuine care you show one another as a community.

As I reflect on this congregation, I see 2025 as a year of faithful endurance. You were not deterred when lightning struck this building in November 2024—you responded with creativity and persistence to raise the funds needed for repairs. You were not deterred when Pastor Michelle announced she would be taking another call—you continued to serve faithfully in worship and ministry, ensuring the life of this church carried on. Even as the path ahead remains unclear, you press forward with hope, caring for one another and for our greater community.

God has been faithful to this congregation, sustaining and equipping you for what lies ahead. While the details of Saron-1st's future remain unknown, I am confident that God will continue to do great works in and through you as we seek together a clearer sense of this congregation's identity and discern the work God is calling you to next.

Thank you to all of you who have given your time, energy, and resources this past year. Thank you for your willingness to remain engaged, hopeful, and rooted in Christ during this season of change. I am grateful to walk with you into this next chapter, trusting that the same God who has carried you through 2025 will continue to lead us together into the future.

With hope and gratitude,
Pastor Lisa Woicik

Congregational Records for 2025

Worship Attendance:

In 2025, our average in-person worship attendance was 45, which includes Sunday services and special events such as Blue Christmas, Maundy Thursday, and Prayer Vigils. Unfortunately, we do not have complete online viewership data for 2025 because Facebook deleted our live videos. However, we transitioned from Facebook Live to YouTube for livestreaming on May 18, 2025.

New/Transfer/Restored Members: 4

Hannah Lee & London
Amy Hooper
Maureen "Mo" LeVering
Nicole Lynch & Aiden

Marriages: 0

Baptisms: 4

London Lee, May 11, 2025
Amy Hooper, July 20, 2025
Averie Mae Seibert, July 27, 2025
Brynn Rhodes, August 3, 2025

Burials/Memorials/Gravesides/Prayers: 2

Denise Perigow Baker Memorial Service, July 20, 2025, at Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church, presiding Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp

Val Rhodes Memorial Service, November 15, 2025, at Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church, presiding Pastor Pamela Hunter

Elections 2025

Council

1. _____

Synod Assembly

1. _____

2. _____

Leaving Council

1. Mike Erkinen

*Thank you, Mike, for your time and talents with the
Church Council at Saron-1st! You are appreciated!*

Treasurers Report 2025

Income

Building Use Donation	\$	625.00
Interest	\$	-
Paypal	\$	1,392.76
Sunday Service	\$	149,790.76
Total Operating Income	\$	151,808.52

Expenses

Administration

Advertising & Marketing	\$	709.61
Office Supplies & Software	\$	4,713.32
Other Misc Expense	\$	252.60
Synod Assembly	\$	450.00
Taxes & Licenses	\$	341.18
Bank Charges & Fees	\$	30.00
PayPal Fees	\$	107.57
Total for Administration	\$	6,604.28

Benevolence

ELCA/Presbytery	\$	2,200.00
Other	\$	876.92
Total for Benevolence	\$	3,076.92

Facilities

Alarm System	\$	2,347.02
Electricity	\$	10,776.83
Elevator	\$	228.20
Garbage	\$	1,399.60
Gas	\$	1,082.78
Insurance	\$	10,576.61
Internet/Telephone	\$	8,454.10
Maintenance & Repair	\$	1,213.75
Supplies	\$	2,139.13
Water	\$	5,626.12
Total for Facilities	\$	43,844.14

Ministries

Education Ministries	\$	40.38
Outreach Ministries	\$	717.37
Youth	\$	-
Miscellaneous	\$	97.73
Total for Ministries	\$	855.48

Payroll Expenses

Administrative Assistant	\$ 21,643.25
Choir Director	\$ 1,000.00
Custodian	\$ 2,897.15
Intern	\$ 2,000.00
Music Director	\$ 5,714.70
Associate Pastor	\$ 582.28
Payroll Fees & Taxes	\$ 970.20
Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,872.34
Total for Payroll Expenses	\$ 44,679.92

Senior Pastor

Base Salary + SECA offset (both PM & PL)	\$ 53,999.17
Board of Pensions (PL retirement and benefits)	\$ 3,488.32
Portico (PM retirement, etc.)	\$ 10,565.74
Continuing Education for Pastor Lisa	\$ 1,500.00
Continuing Education for Pastor Michelle	\$ 936.87
Utilities, Electricity	\$ 2,892.24
Utilities, Garbage	\$ 426.83
Utilities, Water	\$ 2,547.70
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 533.40
Professional Expenses	\$ 99.48
Total for Senior Pastor	\$ 76,989.75

Worship

Pulpit Supply	\$ 3,584.51
Musicians	\$ 445.00
Supplies & Materials	\$ 2,172.79
Total for Worship	\$ 6,202.30

Total for Operating Expenses **\$ 182,252.79**

NET OPERATING INCOME **\$ (30,444.27)**

Saron Lutheran - 1st Presbyterian Church 2025 Investment Fund Account at Harbor Investments
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Balance January 1, 2025 **\$ 265,030.66**

Receipts

Insurance - Lightning Strike	\$	260,000.00	
Other Activity	\$	60.44	
Income	\$	15,456.39	
Change in Value	\$	24,989.00	
			\$ 300,505.83
			\$ 565,536.49

Expenses

Withdrawals	\$	(10,000.00)	
Account expense	\$	(581.05)	
			\$ (10,581.05)

Balance December 31, 2025 **\$ 554,955.44**

Saron Lutheran - 1st Presbyterian Church 2025 Property Maintenance Account at Timberland Bank
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Balance January 1, 2025 **\$ 62,323.24**

Receipts

Save Saron Donations	\$	114,143.18	
Vada's Estate Sale	\$	923.00	
Sharal's Plant Sale	\$	1,357.00	
Building Use Donations	\$	735.00	
Sales of Product	\$	1,801.10	
Opportunity Drawings	\$	901.92	
Ravioli Dinner	\$	3,205.00	
Reim. HI to RA	\$	40,000.00	
Reim. PA from RA	\$	856.91	
Insurance Reim to PA	\$	53,018.28	
Auto transfer from RA to PA	\$	1,800.00	
			\$ 218,741.39
			\$ 281,064.63

Disbursements

John Lupo Construction	\$	(14,874.40)	
MB Electric Grays Harbor	\$	(19,896.59)	
MB Electric Grays Harbor	\$	(4,606.86)	
PCS Stuctural Solutions	\$	(12,200.00)	
Olympic Elevator Company	\$	(17,275.90)	
Expense to RA	\$	(10,000.00)	
John Lupo Construction	\$	(11,096.91)	
Unique Art Glass	\$	(3,239.78)	
Unique Art Glass	\$	(14,422.55)	
Unique Art Glass	\$	(14,422.55)	
John Lupo Construction	\$	(26,133.83)	
Elway & Sons Plumbing	\$	(439.39)	
Butcher & Sons Construction	\$	(544.50)	
			\$ (149,153.26)

Balance December 31, 2025 **\$ 131,911.37**

Operating Budget 2026

Income

Building Use Donation	\$ 6,000.00
Fundraisers	\$ 1,000.00
Offerings and General Donations	\$ 152,500.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 159,500.00

Expenses

Total Administration	\$ 8,250.00
Total Benevolence	\$ 2,800.00
Total Facilities	\$ 39,300.00
Total Ministries	\$ 2,000.00
Total Payroll/Staff Expenses	\$ 42,700.00
Total Pastor, including parsonage utilities	\$ 88,900.00
Total Worship, including pulpit supply	\$ 5,950.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 189,900.00

NET OPERATING INCOME **\$ (30,400.00)**

Endowment Committee Meeting Minutes Saron Lutheran – 1st Presbyterian Church

Date: January 9, 2026

Location: The Jitter House, Hoquiam, WA

Committee Members: Dan Varland (Chair and Secretary), Carrie Larson, and Bailey Cavender (all in attendance)

Current Endowment Committee. The current Endowment Committee (EC) consisting of Dan Varland, Carrie Larson and Bailey Cavender was approved to serve on an interim basis by the Saron-1st Church Council during a meeting on September 14, 2025. The EC serves in this capacity until the Saron congregation votes on whether or not to extend their service to one 3-year term for each at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 22, 2026.

Endowment Committee, 2020-2025. These annual meetings occur each year in January or February. The EC provides a report to be included in the full Annual Meeting Report to be reviewed and approved by the congregation. The EC filed these reports regularly through 2022 (reporting on 2021.) In 2022, the EC did not meet except to complete the 2022 report. Teri Julian filed Endowment Reports for the 2023-2025 annual meetings (Table 1) These reports shared financial information; however, without an EC no distributions were made.

Table 1. Draft (numbers may change a bit upon further review!)

Year: Annual Meeting Endowment Report	Year: Year-end Value	Year: Year-end Gain (Loss) ^a	Year: Total Dispersed
2020	2019: \$27,893	2019: \$2,522	2020: \$1,000
2021	2020: \$28,851	2020: \$1,790	2021: \$ 500
2022	2021: \$29,821	2021: \$1,469	2022: \$1,000
2023	2022: \$27,070	2022: (\$2,806)	2023: None ^b
2024	2023: \$29,285	2023: \$2,097	2023: None ^b
2025	2024: \$31,540	2024: \$1,843	2023: None ^b

^aFrom the Mission Investment Fund and Thrivent Financial funds.

^bNo Endowment Committee.

2026 Annual Distribution

In accordance with guidelines in Chapter 20 of the Saron Lutheran – 1st Presbyterian Church Constitution, the EC has the option to distribute annual gains from the Mission Investment Fund and Thrivent Financial. The constitution allows for distributions ranging from none to all gains in a given year. Per by-laws, annual distribution of endowment proceeds is to be allocated as follows: 30% Mission Outreach (ELCA); 30% Capital improvements; 10% Community Outreach; 10% Youth; and 20% committee discretion.)

Table 2. Year-end values of the accounts at Timberland Bank, Thrivent Financial and Mission Investment Fund as of 9/30/25 (third quarter close.)

Institution	2025 Year-end Value	Year-end Gain	2026 Total Distributed
Timberland, Hoquiam	\$1,287	NA ^a	
Thrivent Financial	\$22,083	\$959 ^b	
Mission Investment Fund	\$10,500	\$104 ^b	
SUM	\$33,870	\$1,063	TBD

^a Earned interest is very small!

^b as of 9/30/25

After deliberation, the EC settled on allocations shown in Table 2 below. The next step is for Council to review these recommendations at the Council meeting after church on January 11. Final approval, including any changes recommended by Council, awaits review by the congregation at the annual meeting on February 22.

Table 2. Endowment Committee recommendations for fund dispersal in 2026.

	Amount
Capital Improvements (at 50% of total)	\$1,000
SW Washington Synod, ELCA (at 30%)	\$600
Community Outreach (at 10%)	\$200
Saron Youth Activities (at 10%)	\$200
TOTAL	\$2,000

Updating Signing Authorities. Timberland Bank. Timberland Bank holds an Endowment Fund for Saron-1st (account number 12399950.) At this writing Bill Dyer and Dan Varland have signing authority. The EC would like to remove Bill Dyer as signer, retain Dan Varland as signer and add as signers Carrie Larson and Bailey Cavender. At the close of today's meeting Dan, Carrie and Bailey went to Timberland and arranged the change.

Thrivent Financial and Mission Investment Fund (MIF). Dan will provide the forms to fill out for the EC members who wish to become signers and will send the completed forms to Thrivent and MIF.

Memorial Fund Report 2025

Balance January 1, 2025 **\$2698.05**

Income

Contributions \$00.00

Interest \$0.19

\$2698.24

Disbursements

Bailey's \$1000.00

Internship

Balance December 31, 2025 **\$1698.24**

Martha Circle Report

Martha Circle is a group that meets regularly to provide support and service for Saron-1st. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00, with two early starts for luncheons. Currently there are 28 on our contact list, and we always welcome more to join us.

Some of the projects we've worked on in 2025

- The Holiday Bazaar: This year we had a great turnout! We offered lunch for sale with Marilyn and Haldis making yummy soup; apple pies baked on a fun Martha "work day"; Flat Brod rolled and baked on another "work day" using the famous JoAnne Ray and Haldis Totland dough, and donated homemade rolls from several members. The Bazaar made: \$1182. on lunches, \$1693. on baked goods, and \$125 on crafts. Our raffle for High School gifts made \$141 with more donations given with Sharal's baked goods and raffles.

-Holiday Dinner: The Totlands and Reimes again baked a delicious holiday dinner with ham, potatoes and special buttered carrots. Martha Circle members, and other church families donated casseroles, salads and desserts. We met after Church to enjoy fellowship and a wonderful meal with family and friends.

-Donations: We give money each year to the Hoquiam Beautification Team, The Aberdeen Bloom team, Friendship House, Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army and Chaplains on the Harbor. We also supported Youth activities, Sunday School, and summer Vacation Bible Camp

-Building Care: Martha Circle deep cleans the kitchen, cleans for special events, and some take care of the landscaping around the building. Some spouses provide great help with these projects. A special shout out to Mark Johnson for the work he has done on our storage closets near the kitchen and in Anderson Hall.

-We helped Vada Kohn hold an estate sale with our Spring Garden sale. Members helped price and sell her home goods and many art items. We will be holding an Art Sale for her artwork later in 2026 to add to her generous donation of profits from the sale.

Martha Circle Treasurer's Report 2025

Beginning Balance 1/1/25 **\$ 9,159.03**

Income

Holiday Bazaar	\$ 3,141.00
Circle	\$ 138.00
Donations	\$ 717.00
	\$ 340.00
	\$ 50.00

Total Income **\$ 4,386.00**

Donation Expenses

Union Gospel Mission	\$ (150.00)
Salvation Army	\$ (150.00)
Friendship House	\$ (150.00)
LCSW	\$ (500.00)
Hoquiam Beautification	\$ (150.00)
Aberdeen Bloom Team	\$ (150.00)
Ocean Shores Senior Center	\$ (500.00)
Plant Sale	\$ (500.00)

Total Donation Expenses **\$ (2,250.00)**

Other Expenses

Quilt Room shelves	\$ (358.36)
	\$ (150.00)
Borth Anniversary	\$ (141.78)
-flowers	\$ (47.97)
Pastor reception	\$ (218.94)
Church repair (Mark)	\$ (483.07)
Val Rhodes' Memorial	\$ (98.80)

Total Other Expenses **\$ (1,498.92)**

Ending Balance 12/31/25

\$ 9,796.11

Property Maintenance Committee Report

For our Property Maintenance Committee, 2025 was just sort-of a year "on hold"

We were never involved with the "Big Window-Wall Project" except for early-on meetings with various groups including asbestos, insurance, stained-glass, etc. Mark met with Lupo crew(s) on occasion, but we were not included once the project started.

The same scenario with the lightning damage to the steeple or any related issues. We were not asked to be part of any of that group.

We have completed some projects here and there in 2025 – including – finishing the new shelving in the Quilter's Closet and also the small storage room out behind the kitchen.

Also – the "set of four" doors for the main church entrances have been reconstructed, repaired, and refinished. They will replace the set of four that are in use right now, although, that may have to wait so as not to put them in danger during the steeple construction work overhead.

Continuous, ongoing maintenance work is being done by some committee members, as well as many others, in the landscaped areas around the Saron building, as well as the parking lot.

We have held off completing the custodial mop room project due to the costs involved.

Our church needs some clear priority changes financially. There are real issues with our aging Saron building including repairing and finishing the metal siding on the south and west wall(s). We have the means to save our beautiful main building...just not the sense of priority.

Cordially,

Property Maintenance Committee

Music & Worship Report 2025

The choir is small but mighty and there is always room for more singers. Thanks to Troy George for being such an easy-going, humble choir director. Choir is fun and has a very welcoming atmosphere.

Streaming of Sunday Worship and other events at Saron-1st Presbyterian continue to reach our community and beyond and let our congregation, friends and neighbors attend worship services from wherever they are.

Troy and Kari choose the hymns that are sung for most Sunday services. They even take requests at times and plan to continue doing that so let them know if you have a favorite that you would like to sing. Special music and hymns were picked for most church important events (Lent, Advent, Pentecost, etc.).

Special Music and guest musicians

The Choir, Troy George and Kari Hasbrouck have continued throughout the year to provide special music for worship services. We had some special music this year for Christmas with Ray Kahler on the clarinet.

Thank you to Andy Hall for filling in when Kari was gone.

Special Services

Blue Christmas on December 21, 2025

The first day of Winter is the longest and this is when we hold our annual Blue Christmas Service. This is a reflective service for the entire community, and many join us from throughout the county and most online actually. It is allowing space for grief and loss during the holiday season while also finding hope.

Outreach Report 2025

Saron-1st Ministries

Community Meal

On the last Wednesday of each month, we host a lovely Community Meal where everyone is welcome to come for a hot meal. This is a meal that is prepared and served by dedicated members who take pride in making their food the best that they can. Our monthly average attendance is 50 people and 13 take-outs. That adds up to 764 meals served to our friends for 2025. Most of these folks utilize the outreach table that is full of hygiene products and donated items just for them. This ministry is always in need of volunteers to serve and clean-up. More hands = less work!

The Rose Center

The Rose Center is operating as intended hosting Al-Anon meetings twice a week as well as retreats for mission groups and clergy. We also offer Spiritual Counseling with Pastor Pam, safe visitation space, celebrations of life, bridal & baby showers, birthday parties, yard sales, and our local Girl Scout Troop #40949. The Girl Scouts take care of the yardwork, other than the garden, in exchange for using the building. Harbor Food Pantry also distributes food from the garage that was reconstructed with new walls and new roof that we received a grant to cover. Work to finish the garage project will continue in spring/summer 2026 to add a counter and sink with shelving to use for the fresh produce from the garden. Adding some storage to the back for groups to use has also been planned. There is also planned work to update the property parking and driveway, adding a retractable awning over the Food Pantry area, and having a Girl Scout campfire space that will make The Rose Center work even better.

Gospel Garden

We were able to grow approximately 455.96 pounds of vegetables during the 2025 growing season. This was at least a 150-pound increase from 2024. These vegetables are harvested by our small crew of 3-5 on our Tuesday workdays from mid-May through mid-end of October and donated to the Harbor Food Pantry for their food giveaway on Wednesdays. We also have at least two major workdays per year, where we have a "wear your jeans to church" day and work in the garden after church on Sunday, in the spring and fall, for the season changes. The greenhouse was constructed last fall and is now operational. Seeds will be started this spring to plant in the

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garden after Memorial Day. The Garden Crew has planned to add compost bins in the garden as well as a pumpkin patch.

Harbor Food Pantry

The Harbor Food Pantry at The Rose Center opened on April 19, 2023. This ministry is in partnership with multiple food distribution efforts with the goal of saving food from the landfill and feeding our neighbors. In 2025, with Rick Parker taking the lead along with a steady 7 community volunteers, sometimes more, they fed over 28,000 people from our community. In January and December of 2025, they had large donations of toys to giveaway that served 223 adults and 104 kids that attended the events. Our pantry was one of the very few that was open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 2025 and took in fresh food from Food Banks that weren't open to give away so it wouldn't spoil. This ministry could always use an extra hand if you can fit it in your schedule.

Union Gospel Mission Dinners

This long-time ministry is still going strong with our 4 teams of 24 volunteers making meals for 60 people every 3rd Monday of the month.

L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The Lutheran Literary Ladies Plus Presbyterians Equals Reading is our Thing meets in the Fireside Room every third Thursday of the month. With a membership of 20 and a regular attendance of 18, this ministry has developed more interest in books, the library and most importantly, has made some long-lasting friendships. About half of the membership is Saron-1st members, with the other half coming in from the local community, bringing us together.

Boots for Bears

Please see the following page for this report.

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Community Event Involvement

National Night Out

On every first Tuesday in August, the police and fire departments join neighborhood block parties to build community. Rick Parker hosts this event at his house which is located by The Rose Center. In partnership with Rick, The Rose Center yard is opened for field games, and the restroom is opened for folks to utilize.

Loggers Playday

The parade starts at 8th & M Streets in front of our building. The doors are opened for the Girl Scouts to prep and begin their march and for folks to use chairs and restrooms. With the parade ending at The Rose Center, the Girl Scouts can meet at their meeting spot for pickup. It's a win-win.

Grays Harbor Pride Festival

Held at the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport, Saron-1st is involved in hosting a booth in partnership with other churches who are open and welcoming. This is an incredibly important ministry and the hugs received from attendees are life changing.

Hoquiam Holiday Light Parade

For the first time, 2025 was the year for a light parade! Starting at the DOL across the street from Saron-1st, we opened our building for the Civic Choir and the Girl Scouts to meet and prep for the parade. The choir sang in front of the church during the judging portion of the parade, and the Girl Scouts used the kitchen to prepare hot chocolate to hand out to the kids. It was a great party, and we look forward to it again next year.

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Boot for Bears Progress Report 2-2-2026

Over the past 18 months, we have made meaningful progress toward our mission of providing essential clothing and supplies to local students. What began as a focused effort serving three elementary schools in Hoquiam has steadily grown in response to demonstrated need. Today, our reach includes Hoquiam Middle School and Hoquiam High School, as well as Wishkah School, AJ West Elementary, Pacific Beach Elementary and, Headstart.

As our service area expanded, we remained committed to building sustainable support. We actively fundraised and successfully pursued local grant opportunities through the Grays Harbor Community Foundation, Seabrook Community Foundation, and Timberland Bank. In addition, we strengthened community partnerships by presenting our work to local civic organizations, including the Push Rods of Hoquiam, the Hoquiam Elks, and several others.

The generosity and encouragement of our community have been truly overwhelming. These partnerships and funding sources have been essential to our continued growth and impact. Without this support, our work, and the progress reflected in this report, would not be possible. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors for helping ensure that students in our region have the resources they need to feel confident, secure, and ready to learn.

Please let us know if you need any further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia McMillan
Secretary, Boots For Bears

Youth Ministry Report 2025

Our joint Youth Committee for Saron-1st and Amazing Grace Lutheran Church consists of 6 members (3 from each church) with Pastor guidance. This group started Fall 2024 with planning monthly events.

Sunday School (January-June 2025, September-December 2025):

We have a great, interactive Sunday School program. We had about 5 teachers on a rotation with average attendance of about 5-8 youth for the January-June timeframe. In the fall, Bailey Cavender took the call to be the primary teacher for our 2-5 kids that we currently have enrolled. We are using the Illustrated 180

Monthly Youth Events

Our monthly events have been well attended by the S-1/AG kids. In January, there was a trip to the planetarium. In March, the Youth met at Ranier Lanes for bowling and putt-putt. The Saron-1st youth had an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday in the Sanctuary. Family Camp at Camp Lutherwood, OR, was July 11-13. At the end of July, they met at Twin Bridges Park for a get-together hangout. Near the end of August, the Youth met in Westport for a beach day. In October, they went to Chapman Farms to get pumpkins! Then they had a Halloween Party Extravaganza for Halloween. The next event was the big one of the year – The Christmas Pageant.

Christmas Pageant on December 7

Once again, it was well attended and almost all our youth participated! It was also a fundraiser for the youth program. It was again held at Amazing Grace and live streamed. We did the play written by Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp "A Musical Christmas Pageant" which was written so the characters matched the kids well.

Vacation Bible Camp 2025 (June 22-26):

We here at Saron-1st call it camp, not school, because we do a more interactive VBS with activities, singing, crafts, games and more. This year we had the theme of "True North". We jointly put this on with Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Aberdeen at The Rose Center. The kids came and started with dinner and then go on to learn great stories from the Bible, sing songs, do arts and crafts, play field games, and learn about kids around the world. This is free for the kids to attend, and they get a cool T-shirt! However, our kids try to fundraise to make this happen. Any donations to help put this on for our kids and the community is welcome!

Family Camp at Lutherwood in Oregon (July 11-13)

The kids raised the funds, and they got to go to camp with their families! It was a wonderful time, and we hope to go again! We learned Bible stories, sang great camp songs, made new friends, and had a wonderful time learning about our faith in the great outdoors!

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Youth Fundraisers

In April, there was a fundraiser Potato Feed at Amazing Grace. In May, there was a fundraiser Spaghetti Feed. The day before the Holiday Bazaar, they got together for a craft party to make cookie mix jars, hot chocolate jars, sugar scrub jars, and beautifully boxed cookies to sell at the Bazaar. Thank you for all your support! All the proceeds go to VBC, Sunday School, and Family Camp!

Education Report

Sunday School (see under Youth Report)

Centering Time

This ministry meets on Tuesdays at 10:30am at The Rose Center (210 K St). The people who come share some reflections and practice some contemplative rituals together (i.e. walking the labyrinth).

Adult Bible Study and Education Hour

Meeting on Wednesdays with Pastor Michelle during February-May, this education ministry had an average of about 6-8 participants, sometimes up to 15 people present, particularly during the Lent Adult Education and Soup Lunch. Callie White has been leading this ministry since November, and it has moved to Tuesdays.