



The Carillon

Saron Lutheran – 1st Presbyterian Church
Quarterly Newsletter for April, May & June 2026

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

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Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, Ray Kahler shared an important update on where the Council and Call Committee are in the transition process. As we work through this discernment process together, the Council and Call Committee are focusing on five important questions before searching for your next pastor:

1. *Who are we* — the personality and uniqueness of this congregation?
2. *What resources* do we have — financial, people, and property — and what is their current state?
3. *What are the needs and pain points* in our community, have they changed recently, and are our ministries aligned with them?
4. *Who is God calling us to be* — how can we leverage who we are to care for our community right now?
5. *Where is God calling us to go* — and what kind of leadership do we need in our next pastor?

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These are big, important questions. And you've already helped answer the first one.

After listening to your surveys and stories, the Council and Call Committee discerned five identity markers that make Saron-1st distinct: you **Focus Outwardly, Welcome Openly, Connect Relationally, Cherish Your Heritage,** and **Adapt Creatively.** I hope when you read those, something in you says, *yes — that's us.*

Knowing who you are is the foundation everything else gets built on.

Over the next two weeks, you'll have the opportunity to share feedback about your involvement, interests, and how the congregation is doing as a whole. Along with detailed property and finance assessments currently underway, your input will help the Council and Call Committee get a clear picture of where Saron-1st stands today — and discern where God is inviting you to grow.

From there, they'll turn their attention to the community around you — listening for its needs and exploring how this congregation can continue to bless your neighbors and Grays Harbor.

God still has so much planned for this place. It is a privilege to walk alongside you in this journey.

In joy and gratitude,

Pastor Lisa





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Vision

Welcoming all to a faith community of service and love.

Mission

As one united congregation, we stand as a beacon of hope in Grays Harbor, by sharing God's message of love through acts of service, outreach, education, and worship.

Who We Are

We are a faith community that...

Focuses Outwardly: We believe the church exists not for itself, but for the world. Everything we do is shaped by a desire to be a blessing to our neighbors and the community around us.

Welcomes Openly: Just as Jesus crossed boundaries to connect with all kinds of people, so do we. We seek to embody God's radical love by meeting people where they are, as they are, and valuing each person's story and journey.

Connects Relationally: We believe authentic, caring relationships are the soul of a community. We strive to journey alongside one another and our neighbors through all of life's seasons, often over a shared meal.

Cherishes Heritage: We are heirs of a rich tradition grounded in Lutheran and Presbyterian roots. We honor our heritage by drawing from the prayers, hymns, and liturgies of past generations, while allowing them to speak in new and fresh ways to today's generation.

Adapts Creatively: We face changes and challenges with curiosity and creativity, trusting that God is always making a way forward.

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April 2026

Dear Church Family -

The first quarter of 2026 is nearly over, and we already see God's blessings. We have just celebrated Easter together. The cycles of life continue and, as always, there are those dealing with health challenges and loss, as well as new life and growth.

The Property Committee has been hard at work, painting, refurbishing and refreshing areas needing upkeep. Lupo Construction has begun interior work on the steeple repair. Water intrusion on the ground level caused by a blocked drain was repaired by the City. We are still waiting for elevator repairs and expect they will be completed soon.

There have been a few changes to Church Council. Mike Erkkinen stepped down, due to moving out of the area and Bethie Enzler was voted in to complete his term. We are pleased to have input and enthusiasm from the younger generation. Our Treasurer, Bailey Cavender, has resigned due to health concerns, so we are now seeking someone to fill that position. If you feel called to serve, please contact a Council member or Pastor Lisa to indicate your interest.

Council is also seeking people to serve on the following committees: Care Team, Finance, History and Outreach, and we need your help. If you feel drawn to one or more of these areas, please reach out – you don't need an invitation – we would love to have you join us.

We have sold the truck from Royal Estate and have accepted an offer for the house. Inspections are underway and we hope to conclude the sale of the property in short order.

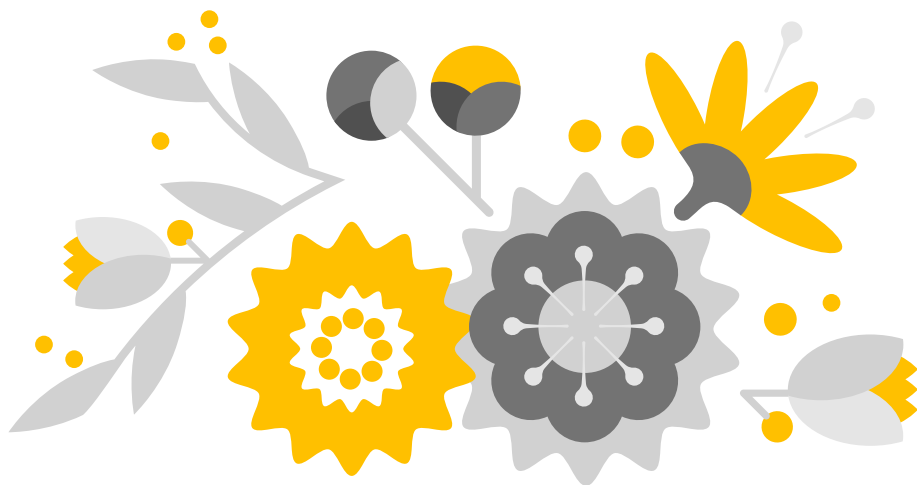
The Call Committee and Church Council have been meeting with Pastor Lisa for study and review of our congregation's history, operations and vision as part of the transition process. There is a roadmap/diagram on the noticeboard in Moller Hall with an indicator showing how far we've come. We still need help from all of you to complete our review and prepare for making a call for a new pastor. It may seem like a slow process, but there are necessary steps to follow, in accordance with

Synod and Presbytery guidelines. Please continue to pray for the Call Committee, Church Council and Pastor Lisa as we go forward.

Our Choir Director, Troy George, has announced his decision to retire at the end of the season. His last Sunday will be June 14th, and we will hold a farewell reception on that day. If you wish to contribute toward a farewell gift, please designate on your check or envelope or advise the office. Choir will continue with Kari Hasbrouck as Director.

Be kind to your neighbors and remember, you are loved.

Ruth Hamilton, Council President



Community Outreach

Community Meal 🍽️

April 29 • May 27 • June 24

Meal Served: 5:00–6:00 PM

Our Community Meal is a wonderful time to share good food and warm fellowship with neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a hot meal—bring a friend and join us at the table!

If you would like to help, please look for the sign-up sheet on the table in Moller Hall. Volunteers are needed for kitchen help, set-up and clean-up crews, serving, and donations of bread, salads, desserts, and drinks. Your support helps make this ministry possible!

Outreach Closet 🧺 🧴

Even with spring here, the needs in our community continue. We are currently low on hygiene supplies and warm-weather essentials. Please consider donating—now more than ever, our friends rely on this ministry for support.

Along with everyday hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant, and toothbrushes (especially needed right now), we invite you to look through your closets and drawers for summer items to share. Lightweight clothing, socks, sunscreen, hats, reusable water bottles, and light blankets are especially helpful during the warmer months.

If you are unable to drop off items at the church, please contact the office and we will be happy to arrange a pickup. Your generosity helps us care for our neighbors in meaningful ways.



Gospel Garden at The Rose Center

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM 🌱

Everyone is invited to take part in the Gospel Garden! Whether you have years of gardening experience or have never planted a seed before, you are warmly welcome—*no green thumb required.*

Come enjoy fellowship, fresh air, and the joy of growing food and community together.

All produce grown in the Gospel Garden is lovingly donated to the Harbor Food Pantry, helping nourish our neighbors in need.

We hope to see you in the garden! 🌱

Harbor Food Pantry at The Rose Center

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM 📺

The Harbor Food Pantry continues to serve our neighbors each week, offering food and support to those in need. Donations of funds to help cover fuel costs, as well as reusable bags for food distribution, are always appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can help, please contact Rick Parker.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry that makes a difference in our community.

Union Gospel Mission Dinner Ministry 📺

Upcoming Service Dates:

Team 2 – April 20

Team 3 – May 18

Team 4 – June 15

Each month, our teams prepare and serve dinner for more than 60 guests at the Mission, sharing not only a meal but also hospitality and care.

If you are interested in joining a team and being part of this meaningful ministry, please contact the church office.



Get A Life Al-Anon Family Group ❤️

Mondays | 6:00–7:00 PM

Wednesdays | 7:00–8:00 PM

Hybrid Meetings

at The Rose Center

(210 K Street, Hoquiam)

The Get A Life Al-Anon Family Group meets twice each week at The Rose Center, offering a welcoming and supportive space for anyone affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings are held in a hybrid format, so participants may join in person or online.

All are welcome. If you or someone you love has been impacted by alcohol use, you are not alone—support and understanding can be found here.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.southpugetsoundal-anon.org/>

Ministries

Coffee Hour Fellowship ☉

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Fireside Room

You are warmly invited to join us each week for Coffee Hour in the Fireside Room at Saron. Enjoy a cup of coffee, friendly conversation, and time to connect with others. Feel free to bring a favorite treat to share—or simply bring yourself!

L³ + P = (RIOT) Book Club 📖

3rd Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Fireside Room

The Lutheran Literary Ladies + Presbyterians = Reading Is Our Thing!

This casual, friendly book club meets monthly in the Fireside Room at Saron-1st. Join us for engaging conversation, good treats, and a shared love of reading. New readers are always welcome—come be part of the fun!

Choir 🎵

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Sunday Performances: Scheduled

Sundays, 9:30–11:00 AM

(September–June)

Come make a joyful noise with us! Our choir welcomes singers of all ages and abilities—no prior experience required. Join us for weekly rehearsals as we prepare music to share during Sunday worship throughout the program year.

Martha Circle 🌸

May 5 at 12:00 PM

Anderson Hall

The women of Martha Circle gather monthly for fellowship, service, and meaningful connection. If you would enjoy being part of a caring group dedicated to doing good things together, we would love to have you join us. All are welcome!

Traveling Blessings ✨

By Appointment

The Rose Center

Our Traveling Blessings ministry offers time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual guidance with our Spiritual Director. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Pastor Pam Hunter. This is a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and nurture your spiritual journey.

Girl Scouts Troop #40949 🧺

Thursdays | 5:00–8:00 PM

The Rose Center

Girl Scouts Troop #40949 meets weekly at The Rose Center, building friendships, confidence, and leadership skills through fun activities and special events.

If you have a child who may be interested in joining this troop, please contact Teri in the church office for more information.

Prayers

Prayer for the Community

Gracious God,

You call us to love our neighbors and care for those in need.

Bless the work of our hands and the ministries of this congregation.

Guide us as we serve meals, share resources, and offer friendship to all who
come through our doors.

Strengthen those who are weary, comfort those who are struggling,
and remind each of us that we are your beloved children.

May our church be a place of welcome, compassion, and hope for all.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer for Seasons of Change

Faithful God,

You are present with us in every season—
in times of certainty and in times of change.

As we walk through this season of transition,
grant us patience, wisdom, and trust in your guidance.

Help us to listen for your voice,
to support one another with grace,
and to move forward with courage and hope.

Remind us that your Spirit is always at work among us,
leading us into new possibilities for ministry and service.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for Hope and Daily Living

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of each new day.

Help us to see your presence in simple acts of kindness,
in shared meals,

and in moments of unexpected joy.

Give us strength to meet the challenges before us,

faith to trust in your promises,
and hearts ready to serve our neighbors.

May your peace dwell within our homes,
your love guide our actions,

and your hope sustain us always.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Saron-1st Calendar

Sundays – Worship service at 10am in the Sanctuary
– Fellowship after service in Anderson Hall

Tuesdays – Adult Education in the Fireside Room at 11:15am

Wednesdays – Coffee Hour in the Fireside Room at 10am
– Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm

April –

26th – “Vital Signs” Congregational Activity after service
29th – Community Meal from 5-6pm in Anderson Hall

May –

2nd – Spring Cleaning at the Gospel Garden and The Rose Center
3rd – Council Meeting after service
6th – Sons of Norway in Anderson Hall from 5-8pm
7th – Martha Circle Potluck at noon in Anderson Hall
10th – Happy Mother’s Day
14th – Homemakers at 11:30am in Anderson Hall
17th – Council & Call Committee meeting after service
18th – Union Gospel Mission Meal Team 3
21st – L[^]3+P=(RIOT) Book Club in the Fireside Room at 1pm
25th – Memorial Day – Office is closed
27th – Community Meal from 5-6pm in Anderson Hall
30th – Sharal’s Annual Plant Sale at Saron-1st from 9am-2pm

June -

14th – Troy’s final performance with our Choir
15th – Union Gospel Mission Meal Team 4
20th – ghOST Art Exhibition & Vada’s Art Sale at The Rose Center
24th - Community Meal from 5-6pm in Anderson Hall
27th – Hoquiam Hullabaloo (event planning in the works, this is a community event that we may be involved in)

SARON-1ST ANNUAL ★ PLANT SALE ★

Beautiful plants, lovingly grown

All proceeds go to the Saron-1st Building Fund



SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 | 9 AM – 2 PM

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The Rose Center Calendar

Mondays – GAL AFG (Al-Anon) from 6pm-7pm

Tuesdays – Centering Time from 10:30am-11:30am
– Gospel Garden Team working from 10am-TBD

Wednesdays – Harbor Food Pantry open at 10:30am-TBD
– GAL AFG (Al-Anon) from 7pm-8pm

Thursdays – Girl Scout Troop #40949 meeting/activities

Saturday, May 2nd – Spring cleaning at the Gospel Garden and The Rose Center from 10am – 1pm

Saturday, June 20th – ghOST Art Exhibition and Vada's Art Sale



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SPRING CLEANING @ THE GOSPEL GARDEN & THE ROSE CENTER

Small actions, big impact
— let's clean our space!

**Saturday
MAY 2**

10:00am - 1:00pm

210 K Street
Hoquiam



➤ Yard Clean
Sweep & Mow

➤ Garden & Green
Space Care

➤ Compost Station
Setup

**Bring your mowers, weed eaters
and yard tools to make for
quick, easy work!**

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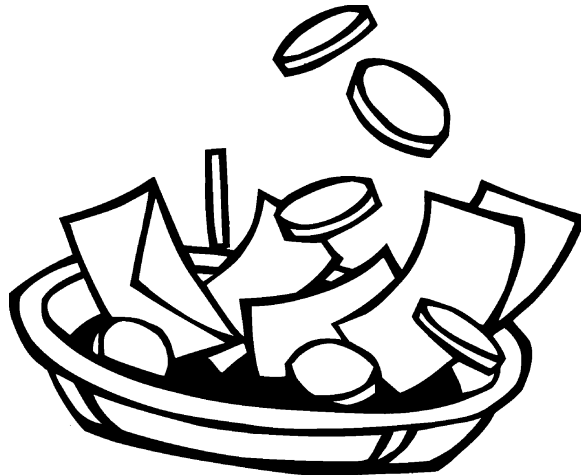
Saron-1st Birthdays

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!



Weekly Attendance & Donations

Date	Adults	Youth	Total	Donations	Occasion
1/4/2026	44	3	47	\$4,426.00	Epiphany/Birthdays
1/11/2026	36	4	40	\$1,507.00	Baptism of our Lord
1/18/2026	45	2	47	\$5,585.00	
1/25/2026	41	2	43	\$826.00	
2/1/2026	39	2	41	\$2,383.00	Birthday Sunday
2/8/2026	38	2	40	\$3,896.00	
2/15/2026	33	3	36	\$896.00	Transfiguration
2/18/2026	13	2	15	\$0.00	Ash Wednesday 12p service
2/22/2026	46	4	50	\$947.00	Lent begins
3/1/2026	40	6	46	\$2,212.00	Birthdays
3/8/2026	44	5	49	\$2,705.00	
3/15/2026	31	3	34	\$1,856.00	
3/22/2026	36	2	38	\$1,002.00	
3/29/2026	53	4	57	\$211.00	Palm Sunday



Property Notes

Property Meeting – July 14th at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room.

Property Issues?

A Property Maintenance binder and matching clipboard are located on the literature table in Moller Hall. The clipboard contains maintenance request forms for you to complete.

Please provide as much detail as possible about the issue, along with your name, phone number, and the date of the request. The forms will be reviewed regularly, and updates will be noted as work begins and when it is completed. Our goal is to create a clear and consistent record of maintenance needs and their resolution going forward.

If you are looking for ways to help around the church, you are also invited to check the binder for open tasks. If you are willing to take on a project, simply complete the work and sign and date the form.

Thank you for your generous hearts and helping hands.

The Rose Center

The Rose Center is proud to host a variety of gatherings and community activities, including Al-Anon and Girl Scout meetings, workshops, safe visitation space, limited catering and baking, celebrations of life, meditation groups, bridal showers, clergy overnights, and even a few birthday parties
— it's truly a wonderful place to celebrate!

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 May 3rd, after worship service.

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs
9:00am – 1:00pm

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