

The light shines in the darkness... John 1:5



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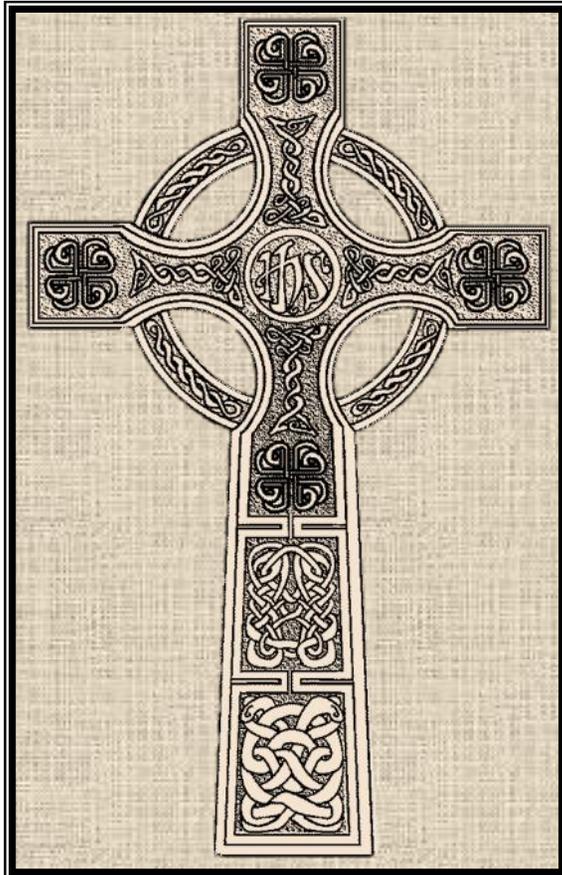
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The Northwest Washington Synod's insert, *The Spirit*:
http://www.lutheransnw.org/files/publications/spirit/march_2018.pdf

OHLC's website:
www.oakharborlutheran.org

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pastor's page: Report from Quake

"[Jesus said:] I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
John 16:33

 In February 16-18, 11 youth and 3 adults from OHLC attended the Quake youth ministry event at Great Wolf Lodge in Centralia. The theme was "Overcome," and was based on the scripture passage quoted above. It was a powerful theme. The speakers didn't hold back on pointing to the troubles we experience in this world. They also did a fantastic job of pointing us to the peace and strength that come from Christ and his promise that he has overcome the world.

One of the speakers talked about the troubles he experienced in his childhood, which was marked by his parents' divorce and his father's alcoholism. The youth listened with rapt attention. Many identified in one way or another with his troubles. No doubt many of the adults in the room did too. He went on to talk about how the presence of Christ in his life gave him peace, ultimately steering him away from despair and the destructive behaviors that often come with it. His personal story was a compelling illustration of the theme verse – and this was just the emcee!

The main speaker was Bob Lenz, who delivered a series of engaging messages on the theme. There was a poignancy to this year's event in that it occurred just days after the school shooting in Florida that left seventeen youth dead. Bob did a good job of bringing the painfully fresh news on everyone's minds into his messages. He also spoke more broadly of common troubles youth face such as bullying, family strife, peer pressure, and poor self-image. Through stories and scripture he empowered the youth to see their troubles in light of Christ's encouragement to take heart, and his promise that he has already ultimately overcome all of these very real troubles in their lives. I thought Bob did a masterful job of being honest about the real and persistent troubles people face, troubles which don't magically go away because of our faith, while also pointing us to the hope of the gospel and the blessings that come from living in relationship with the God who lovingly created us and even more lovingly redeemed us in Christ.

Worship was led by a three-piece rock band who led the youth in a variety of songs, from original compositions to amped-up camp songs to new arrangements of classic hymns. Three of our OHLC youth were called upon to come up on stage at various points to read scripture and/or lead responsive prayers. They did a great job! The favorite services of

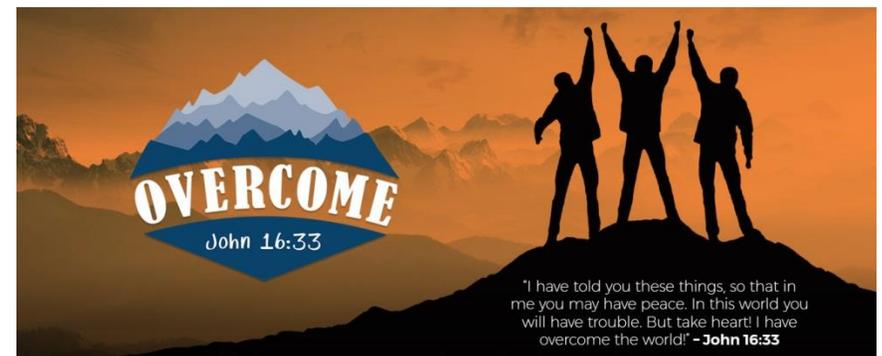
our group were the "campfire" services late on Friday and Saturday night. These services were more quiet and reflective, led by acoustic guitar and interspersed with stories and conversation as a crackling campfire was projected on the screen.

There were workshops the youth could choose to attend. One of the options our youth chose was a food packaging workshop. They donned hairnets and plastic gloves and formed an assembly line, preparing measured amounts of vitamins, dried vegetables, protein powder, and rice, which were then carefully sealed for shipment to impoverished nations. The pastor leading this workshop once worked for a relief agency, and he spoke movingly of holding children in his arms who had succumbed to malnutrition. He told the kids they had prepared enough food packs to feed seven people for an entire year, saving others from this same fate. It occurred to me as the youth were working that while the rest of the Great Wolf Lodge was reveling in waterslides without a care in the world, here was our small group of young Christians hidden away in a far-flung meeting room assembling food for the poor. Not exactly the catacombs of ancient Rome, I know, but I was proud of the joyful way our youth spent this time serving God by serving those in need even as the waterslides beckoned.

Long breaks from programming gave us plenty of time for those waterslides, and they were a lot of fun. We also had fun cramming our whole group of fourteen people into one room Saturday night for pizza and conversation. It was a great time of fellowship, a time for deepening relationships bound by shared experiences and shared faith.

"In this world you will have trouble," Jesus said. Indeed. But this weekend together at Quake helped us all to take heart, encouraged by Christ's promise that he has overcome the world. Thank you, OHLC, for your generous support of our youth so we could experience this weekend of faith, fellowship, and service. Oh, and waterslides too.

- Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer



Update from the office: Giving statements were mailed again

Rekann Brannon (*who describes herself as OHLC's 'still-new secretary' because at this writing she hasn't quite yet reached her 1 year anniversary on staff and she's still learning the ropes!*) has mailed out corrected statements of giving for 2017, this version with the legally-required 501(C) 3 message at the top. Please destroy the earlier statement, and thank you for your patience!

The season of Lent

Join us for worship on Wednesdays

We continue through the Lenten season with Wednesday gatherings for worship and fellowship. Services will be held at noon and 6:00 PM, with meals of soup and bread following immediately afterwards. Please sign up to bring soup and/or bread at the display in the narthex. Our theme for our Lenten services this year is:



SAINT PAUL: *His Message for Us Today*

Pastor Spencer is leading us through Paul's letters to the churches, exploring the major themes of each letter and their significance for our lives as Christians today.

March 7: *1&2 Corinthians*

March 14: *Romans*

March 21: *The Prison Letters (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians)*

For our liturgy, we are singing the new 30th anniversary edition of *Holden Evening Prayer*.



PRETZELS &

March 4: Youth and Family Night

Join us from 6 to 7:30 PM as we make home-made pretzels and enjoy them fresh out of the oven with all kinds of delicious dipping sauces.

Then we'll move into the sanctuary for a time of prayer with kid-friendly prayer stations. Don't miss this special Lenten-themed evening of faith and fellowship.

PRAYER



holy week & easter



March 27: Maundy Thursday worship

We will commemorate Jesus' last night with his disciples and the institution of the Lord's Supper with a special evening service of Holy Communion at **7:00 PM**.

March 28: Good Friday worship

Good Friday services will be held at **12:00 noon and 7:00 PM**. These powerful services includes the reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus, punctuated by song and the progressive extinguishing of candles. Easter joy is that much sweeter when you make it a priority to commemorate the crucifixion.

April 1: Easter Sunday worship

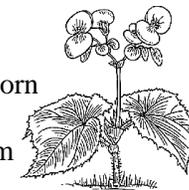
Join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with festival worship services at **8:00 & 10:30 AM** and *vespers in Coupeville at 6:30 PM*. Invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us on this day of celebration!

Easter Sunday breakfast

Plan on joining us for a delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday, served in Herrigstad Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. We'll be serving egg bakes, biscuits and gravy, fruit, and more. Thanks to the Lydia Circle for preparing our breakfast, and to our youth and their families who will be serving. A free will offering will be collected to support this summer's Vacation Bible School program.

Help fill the sanctuary with Easter begonias

On Easter morning, April 1, we would like to adorn our sanctuary with flowers in celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This year we will place a special order from the church office for **begonias** (*lilies will not be ordered, due to increasing allergy problems within the congregation*). We invite you to reserve one or more plants in memory or in honor of loved ones. **Although donations may be made in any amount, the suggested donation per plant is \$20.**



A bulletin insert on Easter Sunday will list the names of the people or events being honored or remembered. Begonia order forms are available in the narthex; *please note the deadline for orders is Sunday, March 18.*

Operations Ministry

Time for spring clean-up!

Operations Ministry will sponsor a church grounds clean-up day on **Saturday, March 10**, beginning at 9:00 AM. Projects outside include flowerbed weeding and raking the grounds. Bring your gardening tools! Does anyone have a leaf blower to lend for the day? Contact Dave Fosnaugh, 360-675-2821, or make a note on your *Connection Card* in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

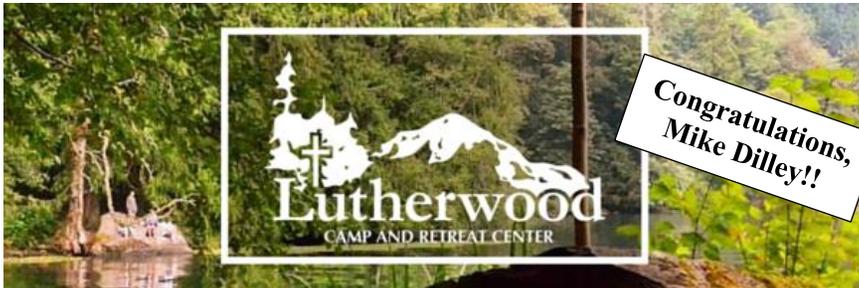


Mowers needed

Volunteers will be needed soon to assist with mowing, so sign up on the sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board. Training is available, if you haven't used the church's riding mower before.

Lutherwood News

Bellingham



In January, when I attended the Annual Meeting, I had not been to Lutherwood till that day. It is beautiful, peaceful, and secluded; the perfect place to learn about and celebrate the love of Christ.

From the start of the meeting it was evident that all attending were there because they each love Lutherwood and that the success of Lutherwood is a priority in their lives and to their congregations. The energy and enthusiasm of the group was impressive... and contagious.

There were many things discussed, mostly a year-in-review. Attention was brought to upcoming events such as Elementary Retreat in

March, Earth Day Celebration on April 21, and Join Hands Day on June 2. Join Hands Day is when, hopefully, a group of volunteers from Oak Harbor Lutheran Church will join other Lutheran congregation groups in preparing Lutherwood for the summer season by performing various work projects. Lunch will be provided. You will hear more about this as we get closer to June.

There was also an election for the Board of Directors in which Mike Dilley was voted to continue to serve. I mention Mike not just because of his continued commitment to Lutherwood, also because Mike was singled out during the annual meeting and presented with the *Volunteer of the Year Award*. The award reads:

This is to certify that Mike Dilley has spent many hours volunteering his time at Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center. Mike's dedication and positive attitude has made a big impact on our facility here. Mike is a true example to others and we are blessed to have him on our board and as a friend.

I had asked Executive Director, Robert Gillespie, to share some of his praises of Mike with me. This is the e-mail message he sent me: *Mike Dilley joined our board of directors last year and is currently serving on the Board. This summer my Facility Director moved back to California and I was a little short-handed doing my job and fixing things on the camp. Mike started coming once a week and his timing was unbelievable. Each time Mike showed up we completed a major project at the camp. Field faucets that had the pipes broken underground, main water pipe broken and needed to be replaced and a footbridge that broke and needed to be replaced and much more. Mike has helped us stuff envelopes to get our mailings out and fix our heaters when they need maintenance. Mike has come to visit the camp over a dozen times this year. We are blessed to have him on our board and volunteering.*

Mike has also brought up two others last year from your church. Tom Piper and Rev. Marc Stroud came and remodeled the Bungalow Bathroom and main floor. It looks absolutely beautiful.

Thank you to all who help support the continued success of Lutherwood and thank you to Mike for being a perfect example of commitment and selflessness.

Jodi Kirko

Women of ohlc

Opportunities for fellowship, study & service

Blanket Workshop

Blanket Workshop meets Tuesday & Wednesday, March 6 & 7 beginning at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Circle meetings in March

- 3/1, 8, 15, 22 **Deborah Circle** meets from 10 AM until noon in the library/fireside room. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey at gaye@tobysuds.com.
- 3/5 & 9 **Lydia Circle** meets at 6 PM in the prayer room, continuing study of *Twelve Ordinary Men*. Questions? Contact Mary Brock, mkb1998@comcast.net.
- 3/20 **Rebecca Circle** meets at 10 AM in the library. Questions? Contact Stella Walker, 360-678-6274.

Deborah Circle notes:

- 3/1 January 2018 *Gather* magazine, Session One, pages 20-23, "Washing Hands with Distant Hearts," Mark 7:1-8
- 3/8 January 2018 *Gather* magazine, Session One, pages 23-26, "Washing Hands with Distant Hearts," Mark 7:1-8
- 3/15 February 2018 *Gather* magazine, Session Two, pages 30-33, "Prepare the Way of the Lord," Luke 3: 3-17
- 3/22 February 2018 *Gather* magazine, Session Two, pages 33-35, "Prepare the Way of the Lord," Luke 3: 3-17
- 3/29 March 2018 *Gather* magazine, Session Three, pages 20-23, "The Good Samaritan," Luke 10: 30-37

2018 Women's Retreat: NOTE DATE CHANGE!!

The 2018 Women's Retreat, *Living Hope and Freedom in Christ*, will be May 4-6 at Quaker Cove, Anacortes. Retreat leaders are Pastor Cara Tanis of Anacortes and OHLC's own Gaye Rodriguey.

(Revised) registration forms are available in the church office. The cost is \$105, with scholarships available; forms and fees are due on or before April 30.



BookMarks

Coupeville Book Group

The Coupeville Book Group will meet Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 PM at Jan Heideger's house, [146 Welcher Road](http://146WelcherRoad.com), 360-678-0765. The book is *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* by Sherman Alexie; discussion will be led by Carol Wall, and Gail Dobbyn is bringing dessert. Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey, gaye@tobysuds.com.

In this darkly comic short story collection, Sherman Alexie, a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian, brilliantly weaves memory, fantasy, and stark realism to paint a complex, grimly ironic portrait of life in and around the Spokane Indian Reservation. These 22 interlinked tales are narrated by characters raised on humiliation and government-issued cheese, and yet are filled with passion and affection, myth and dream. There is Victor, who as a 9-year-old crawled between his unconscious parents hoping that the alcohol seeping through their skins might help him sleep, Thomas Builds-the-Fire, who tells his stories long after people stop listening, and Jimmy Many Horses, dying of cancer, who writes letters on stationary that reads "From the Death Bed of James Many Horses III," even though he actually writes them from the kitchen table. Against a backdrop of alcohol, car accidents, laughter, and basketball, Alexie depicts the distances between Indians and whites, reservation Indians and urban Indians, men and women, and most poetically, between modern Indians and the traditions of the past. 223 pages

Second Wednesday Book Group

March's meeting will be the 14th, 1:00 PM in the church library, and the selection is *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler:

This is a family story about the Whiteshanks and their house... and yes, the house is one of the characters. The whole family, all the kids and dogs are listening to Abby (Mom) telling the family story beginning with Abby and Red (Dad) meeting in 1959. The novel covers three generations and brims with the insight, humor, and generosity of spirit that are the hallmarks of Anne Tyler's work. Anne Tyler fans will love reading her latest novel and newcomers to Tyler will enjoy her style and content.

357 pages; available in Large Print, CD, E-book

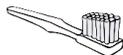
His Kids preschool

a ministry of oak harbor Lutheran church

We spent February learning about the five senses which God has given us to help learn about the world he created. We made shakers for our sense of hearing, paper towel tube binoculars for our sense of sight, a paper apple pie for the sense of smell, and a sensory page with 10 different textures on it for our sense of touch. We even took our 5 senses for a walk in falling snow! We wrapped up the month with our tasting party for our sense of taste. Yumminess indeed!!

Our field trip this month was to see Big D with the United States Postal Service. He gave us a great tour of how the Oak Harbor Post Office works and helped us mail the special valentine cards we'd made for our families. Later in the week, we had our own valentine party and exchanged cards with our friends in class.

Sue from Dr. Gary Berner's dental office made a special visit to our classes. She shared with us about how important dental health is, and she gave the children goody bags with new toothbrushes. Good dental health leads to your overall health!



Evaporation experiments played out in class with the assistance of our science lady, Miss Debbie Reetz, along with some other neat visits from her.

And talking about evaporation, the school year is disappearing and we're gearing up for **registration for the 2018-2019 school year!** Please share the news:

-  **Wednesday, Mar. 14** - in-house registration for current preschool families;
-  **Wednesday, Mar. 21** – registration for families and friends of OHLC;
-  **Wednesday, Mar. 28** – registration opens to the community.

preschool registration



February's *Star Students* were **Ainsley, Gabi, and David** in the morning class, and **Abigail H., Soraya, and John Michael** in the afternoon class. We hope you're remembering to stop by to see the changing display of Star Student posters on the bulletin board outside the classroom door.

Music means a lot to His Kids Preschool, from the various songs we do in class to the ones we sing and shout in chapel with Pastor Spencer. Here are the children's answers to the question, "What is your favorite song?"



Morning class

Victoria: *Soul on Fire*
Brenden: *Brenden, Brenden, Brenden*
Joshua: *Jesus Loves Me*
Ainsley: *Days of the Week*
Logan: *This Little Light of Mine*
Colton: *California* from Marmaduke
Cesar: *Peanut Butter Jelly Time*
David: *Jingle Bells*

Enelia: *Let it Go*
Grayson: *Mickey Mouse*
Wren: *Jingle Bells*
Gabi: *Frosty the Snowman*
Graham: *Ducktales*
Connor: *Jingle Bells*
Cole: *Trolls*
Elijah: *Jesus Loves Me*

Afternoon class

Abigail H.: *Let It Go*
Solomon: *Green*
Collin: *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*
John Michael: *This Little Light of Mine*
Abigail G.: *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*

Aaron: *Old Mac Donald*
Elizabeth: *Sleepyhead*
Sharon: *Jesus Loves Me*
Oliver: *Jingle Bells*
Mallory: *Days of the Week*
Soraya: *ABCs*

God's peace,
Ms.Elva, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Sara

fellowship event, Mar. 11



If it's March, it must be Pi(e) Day: Join us after our 10:30 service on **Sunday, March 11** as we celebrate Pi(e) Day! What is Pi(e) Day? Pi is a mathematical term which refers to the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter: 3.1415. When March 14 rolls around each year (3/14 – get it?), people use it as an excuse to eat pie.

We'll be celebrating Pi(e) Day early this year, on the 11th, but as we do so we'll be giving thanks to God our Creator, who brought into existence both pi and pie! Pie bakers are encouraged to sign up to bring pie, via our *Connection Card* bulletin insert. We'll also need some help with serving and clean up. All are welcome to join us. Our thanks to Rita Cline for keeping this quirky OHLC tradition going!



March's ministry focus is the ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Sharon Magnuson, Assistant Director of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, will do a presentation at a light lunch hosted by the Compassion Team after the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, March 18. This will be an opportunity to hear from and connect with Sharon about global ELCA mission work.

If you plan to attend please, please RSVP using the yellow *Connection Card* in the bulletin. This will help us in the meal planning.

Support SPIN Café; win a pie!

Two lucky winners will go home with a Mile High Apple Pie at the drawing on March 23, 5:30 PM at SPIN Café, but winners need not be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$5 each at SPIN, or see OHLC's own Bob Wall or Kathy Birch. For more info, visit SPIN's website, www.spincafeoh.org.



Parish Nurses provide congregational resources

What's new in our Parish Nurse program? This year we will be connecting with the Red Cross to offer CPR and First Aid training for members of the church as well as learning opportunities on a number of subjects such as disaster preparedness and coordination of resources on the island during a catastrophe.

The following schedule should give you an idea of the types and varieties of subjects. Plan on attending these programs in 2018.

FIRST AID TRAINING

Sunday, March 11, 12:00 noon to 2 PM, a short, on-site First Aid and CPR program for OHLC members. Participants have the opportunity to shorten class time by doing preparatory work on-line. This Sunday afternoon class is intended for those who are critical helpers

in church programs on a regular basis, which includes ushers, Munchy Monday partners, adult helpers for the youth programs, Vacation Bible School helpers, etc. Cost for the training is \$35; speak to Pastor Stroud about the availability of scholarships.

Saturday, June 9, full day First Aid and CPR training, another opening for people needing this kind of training or who need to renew their certification. Vacation Bible School will be coming up June 25, so this might be a good time to get familiarized with emergency training, especially in CPR for children.

OHLC's own Mike Dilley, an experienced Red Cross coordinator, will be organizing these First Aid programs.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Do you know what to do in times of disaster? Red Cross agent Mike Dilley will speak on **Thursday, March 22**, 7 PM in the church library concerning the unique problems of a disaster on Whidbey Island. Windstorms, earthquakes and tsunamis pose logistical problems for mainland disaster agencies, who might not be able to reach some areas of the island for awhile. Being prepared with essential supplies and being aware of how a disaster will affect your come and community will help you weather the storm.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAMS

Four presentations concerning family health and self help care are planned for 2018. These will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday afternoons and will provide information on a number of issues, including valuable information for caregivers and helpful tips for living a healthy lifestyle. Presenters will be Island County area professionals. Watch for specific date information on the following:

April – Dementia : *Understanding its progress and offering care to those we love*

May – Death and Dying: *Honest talk to our loved ones about our last wishes*

September – Body Mechanics: *How to lead a life in tune with what our bodies can do*

October – CADA: *Dealing with domestic violence as a compassionate community*

Pastor Marc Stroud

Muchas Gracias

The generosity of the OHLC community will bring love and encouragement to children of Mazatlan. As they wear their new, white socks, create with the Play-Doh, the crayons and the scissors, and keep their teeth healthy with the toothpaste and toothbrushes, the kids will feel your care and connection.

The collection of 72 cans of Play-Doh, 38 pairs of scissors, 33 boxes of crayons, 35 toothbrushes, 19 tubes of toothpaste, and 89 pairs of new, white socks will soon arrive in Mazatlan.

Muchas gracias!
Gaye Rodriguey



Stanwood, WA



Marion

E.C.E.A.P @ Josie's Learning Center

Since I often refer to Josephine's ministry as an *intergenerational* care community, many of you are already aware that we have quite a large Childcare program: **Josie's Learning Center—where children blossom.** It ranges from Daycare to Preschool to Kindergarten to After-School Programs—serving about 225 children altogether.

This month, however, I'd like to highlight a specific program within Josie's Learning Center: **Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP).** I've had the privilege this month to sit down with Marion Mehew, our ECEAP Family Support Specialist, to learn more about the program.

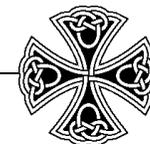
ECEAP is a cooperative preschool which means this preschool experience is enriched by active parent and family involvement. I am impressed that it not only provides quality childcare (something important in its own right) but also provides educational support for parents as well as family support for the parents and children together. I've sat in on parts of their educational offerings which included learnings on nutrition, keeping organized, and even making budgets. I later wondered how this holistic approach might also benefit our churches in the way that we see our own Christian Education!

Another aspect of this program is that it's provided as no cost to income-qualifying families. What a wonderful statement this is to families challenged financially – often with burdens of living paycheck to paycheck, working two jobs to make ends meet, and struggling with issues of self-worth. To me, it says that we see your struggles, we are willing to help, and that you are valuable in God's eyes as well as ours.

One phrase that Marion used throughout our interview stuck out to me: "...reaching *my/their* potential..." In Marion's midlife, a priest used this phrase and helped Marion reach a greater potential than she could see in herself. Marion then used this phrase as she spoke to me about the ECEAP parents and children she works with. What a wonderful lens from which to see! Marion takes the time to see potential in those she works with at a time when the rest of the world might not see that potential or even see the individual themselves. Are these also not the lenses that Jesus choose to see through?

If you are aware of families who might benefit from our ECEAP Program, please feel from to have them call and get on our ECEAP waiting list. Thanks as always for your support – which in turn allows us to make these programs available to some of the deepest need. Partners, blessings on your continued ministries and please continue to keep Josie's Learning Center in prayer!

Warmly, Chaplain Andy



In Sympathy

Our hearts go out to those in our church family who have suffered the loss of loved ones...

to Carol Reafs and family, following the death of her son, Mark Davis;
to Katie Zimmerman and family, following the death of her brother;
to the friends of former OHLC member Carol Stone and family, following the death of her husband, Chuck.

Included in this newsletter are *Prayer Ventures* and *The Spirit* for March.

The deadline for articles for the April newsletter is Tuesday, March 20.

<i>Worship assistants</i>		
March 4		
8:00 AM Healing Prayer: Stroud & Piper	Assisting Minister: Sheila Ryan Communion Asst.: Wendy Wilson Ushers: Fosnaugh family	Acolyte: Mackenzie Mathieu Computer: Donna Aspery Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
10:30 AM Healing Prayer: Stroud & McCullough	Assisting Minister: Cynthia Fletcher Communion Asst.: Rita Carter	Acolyte: Wolly Fowkes Computer: Luke Spencer Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
6:30 PM	Presider: Pastor Marc Stroud Cantor: Carol Reafs Communion Asst.: Benjamin Bruland	Assisting Min.: Carol Snoble Piano: Kris Bruland
March 11		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Heather Quick Communion Asst.: Peg Fosnaugh Ushers: Margraf family Music: Morning Glory	Acolyte: Isabel Carr Computer: Sheila Ryan Organ/Piano: Kris Bruland
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Carol Fitzgerald Communion Asst.: Jan McCullough Music: Harbor Choir	Acolyte: Sadie Harbaugh Computer: Peter Spencer Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
6:30 PM	Presider: Pastor Jeffrey Spencer Cantor: Carol Reafs Communion Asst.: Benjamin Bruland	Assisting Min.: Debbie Wysomierski Piano: Kris Bruland
March 18		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Jeff Margraf Communion Asst.: Marge Moore Ushers: Ellis family Music: Praise Team	Acolyte: Natalie Stone Computer: Molly Nagel Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Carole Lafond Communion Asst.: Amy Bruce Music: Harbor Choir	Acolyte: Micah Burrow Computer: Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
6:30 PM	Presider: Pastor Jay Decker Cantor: Carol Reafs Communion Asst.: Benjamin Bruland	Assisting Min.: Trudy Decker Piano: Verna Morgan
March 25		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Georgette Anglum Communion Asst.: Mike Fankhauser Ushers: Lenita Forster, Joan Flowers Music: Morning Glory, Youth Choir	Acolyte: Johannes Christensen Computer: Mary Brock Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Carol Reafs Communion Asst.: Gisela Hawley Music: Harbor Choir	Acolyte: John Totten Computer: Rick Culbertson Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
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Financial Report

January

	January	Year to date
Income	\$ 34,074	\$ 34,074
Outgo	<u>38,841</u>	<u>38,841</u>
	\$ <u>(4,767)</u>	\$ <u>(4,767)</u>

Worship attendance

February

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Coupeville	Nursery
Feb. 4	88	94	15	6
Feb. 11	83	105	24	4
Feb. 18	65	89	13	2
Feb. 25	90	100	20	6
Average Att.	82	97	18	5

Average Sunday attendance: 202

Lesser festivals & Commemorations

March

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| 1 George Herbert, hymnwriter, 1633 | 22 Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, 1758 |
| 2 John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788, renewers of the Church | 24 Oscar Romero, bishop of El Salvador, martyr, 1980 |
| 7 Perpetua, Felicity, and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 202 | 25 The Annunciation of our Lord |
| 10 Harriet Tubman, 1913; Sojourner Truth, 1883, renewers of society | 29 Hans Nielsen Hauge, re-newer of the church, 1824 |
| 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604 | 31 John Donne, poet, 1631 |
| 17 Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, 461 | |
| 19 Joseph, guardian of our Lord | |
| 21 Thomas Cranmer, bishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1556 | |

Little Lutheran bags in March: Roberta Koster

This month's decorative font is *American Uncial*;

Drop caps are *Celtic MD*

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Parish Nurse hours: Thursdays 1:00-3:30 PM and by appointment The church calendar <i>is updated regularly</i> <i>on OHLC's website,</i> www.oakharborlutheran.org	HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL M, T, W: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM 12:45-3:45 PM Pre-K Readiness Class, Th, F: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 2018/19 registration begins in March!		Looking ahead: Easter worship, Sunday, April 1, 8:00 & 10:30 AM at OHLC and 6:30 PM in Coupeville!	1 10:00 Deborah Circle 6:00 SPIN Board 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Knitting Group	2 10:30 Navy Respite Training	3 9:00 Audit Committee Master Gardeners event at OHHS; church parking lot in use	
4 Lent 3 <i>Healing prayer</i> <i>at both morning services</i> Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Luth Youth 9:15 Adult Education 9:15 Worship 10:30 Youth/Family Night 6:00 Vespers/Coupeville 6:30 Cub Scout Leaders 7:00	5 12:00 Munchy Monday 6:00 Lydia Circle 6:00 Wolves 6:15 4-H K-9 Korps 7:00 North Whidbey NA	6 9:00 Blanket Workshop 1:30 Grief Support Group 6:00 Arrow of Light 6:00 Bears 6:00 Patrol Leaders 7:00 Cpvl Book Group 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 9:00 Blanket Workshop 10:30 CADA Support 12:00 Midweek Worship 12:30 Soup & Bread 1:30 Breastfeeding USA 6:00 Midweek Worship 6:30 Soup & Bread 6:00 Webelos 7:00 Harbor Choir 7:00 Overeaters Anon. 7:00 North Whidbey NA	8 Civil Service exams /law enforcement 10:00 Deborah Circle 3:45 Youth Choir 4:15 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 Council	9 Daylight Savings begins – turn clocks AHEAD one hour tonight!	10 9:00 Audit Committee 9:00 Church grounds clean-up day Daylight Savings begins – turn clocks AHEAD one hour tonight!	
11 Lent 4 Pi(e) Day! Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Luth Youth 9:15 Adult Education 9:15 Worship 10:30 Pi(e) Day pies 11:45 1 st Aid/CPR class 12:00 Vespers/Coupeville 6:30	12 12:00 Munchy Monday 6:00 Wolves 7:00 North Whidbey NA	13 9:30 Stamping Group 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 1:30 Grief Support Group 6:00 Lions 6:00 Tigers 6:00 Bears 6:00 Arrow of Light 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 10:30 CADA Support 12:00 Midweek Worship 12:30 Soup & Bread 1:00 Book Group 4:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Midweek Worship 6:30 Soup & Bread 6:00 Webelos 7:00 Harbor Choir 7:00 Overeaters Anon. 7:00 North Whidbey NA	22 10:00 Deborah Circle 3:45 Youth Choir 4:15 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Knitting Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Disaster Prep. presentation	16 Civil Service exams /law enforcement 5:00 Sister City event	17 7:00 AM to noon 4-H Public Presentations	
18 Lent 5 Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Luth Youth 9:15 Adult Education 9:15 Worship 10:30 Hunger Appeal pres. 11:45 Confirmation 5:00 Vespers/Coupeville 6:30	19 12:00 Munchy Monday 6:00 Wolves 6:00 Lydia Circle 6:30 Piano Recital 6:15 4-H K-9 Korps 7:00 North Whidbey NA	20 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Rebecca Circle 1:30 Grief Support Group 6:00 Arrow of Light 6:00 Bears 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 10:30 CADA Support 12:00 Midweek Worship 12:30 Soup & Bread 6:00 Midweek Worship 6:30 Soup & Bread 6:00 Webelos 7:00 Harbor Choir 7:00 Overeaters Anon. 7:00 North Whidbey NA	26 OHLC at SPIN Café 10:00 Deborah Circle 3:45 Youth Choir 4:15 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 Nar-Anon 7:00 Arrow of Light	23 Washington State Music Teachers Assoc. Music Arts Program		24
25 Palm/Passion Sunday Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Luth Youth 9:15 Adult Education 9:15 Worship 10:30 Vespers/Coupeville 6:30	26 12:00 Munchy Monday 6:00 Wolves 7:00 North Whidbey NA	27 9:30 Stamping Group 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 1:30 Grief Support Group 5:30 CHI welcome party 6:00 CADA Parenting 6:00 Lions/Tigers/Bears 6:00 Arrow of Light 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Scout Board/Review	28 OHLC at SPIN Café 10:30 CADA Support 1:00 Library Committee 6:00 Webelos 7:00 Harbor Choir 7:00 Overeaters Anon. 7:00 North Whidbey NA	29 Maundy Thursday OHLC at SPIN Café 10:00 Deborah Circle 3:45 Youth Choir 4:15 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Knitting Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Worship	30 Good Friday 12:00 Worship 7:00 Worship	31 10:00 Altar Guild clean-up day	