

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



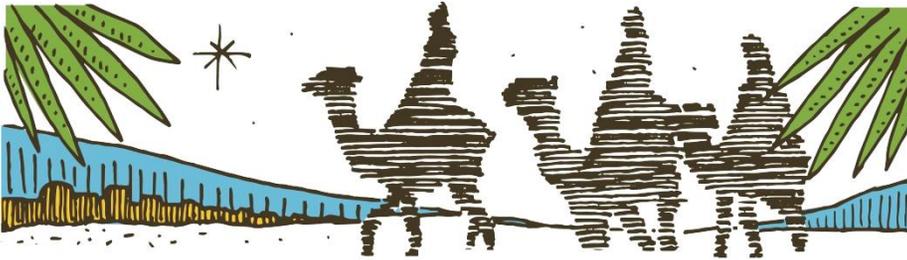
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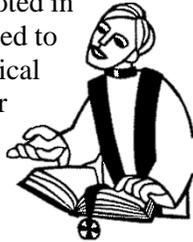
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## Pastor's Page: What is a sermon for?

*"So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ."* Romans 10:17

*"When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you but Jesus Christ, and him crucified."* 1 Corinthians 2:1-2

What is a sermon for? People have wildly different answers to this question. Some of those differences are rooted in denominational backgrounds while others can be attributed to personal tastes or expectations. Some want to hear practical advice. Some want to be entertained. Some want to hear commentary on the most pressing issues of the day. These kinds of expectations beg a deeper question: what is the purpose of a sermon? What is it for?



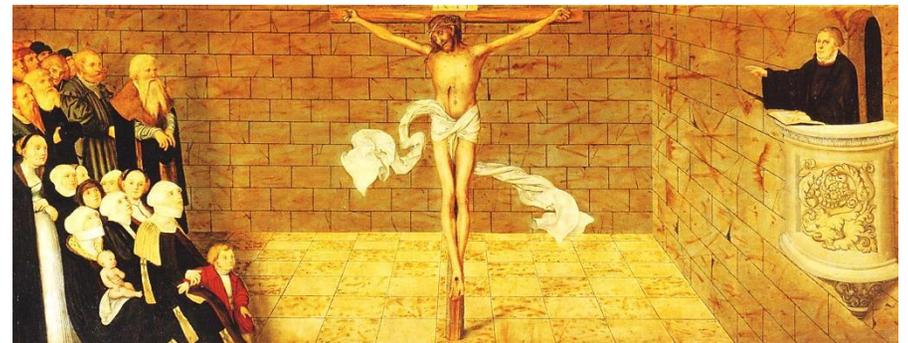
The Lutheran answer to this question is that preaching exists to stir and strengthen faith in Christ. As it says in the Augsburg Confession (one of the confessional writings of our church, which pastors vow to uphold along with the scriptures): "To obtain such faith, God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel" (Article 5). The purpose of the sermon, then, is to proclaim the gospel, speaking God's Word in such a way that the Holy Spirit can work faith in the hearer.

This idea comes from scripture, of course. As St. Paul writes in the verse from Romans quoted above, faith comes through hearing the word of Christ. What exactly is the word of Christ? It is more than the words of Christ. Those red-letter editions of the Bible are a bad idea, giving the impression that the words of Jesus are more important than the rest of the scriptures, an idea that is refuted by scripture itself (2 Timothy 3:16). The word of Christ is the entire Christian message of repentance and forgiveness, law and gospel. The word of Christ is the word that proclaims what Christ has accomplished for us in his death and resurrection and what it means for us. This is how St. Paul preached. This is how all the apostles preached after Pentecost.

In a famous painting by Lucas Cranach, Martin Luther is depicted in a pulpit with an open Bible in front of him. Across from him is the congregation, including his wife Katharina Von Bora and his son Hans, as well as the artist himself, along with many others. In the center of the painting, between the preacher and the congregation, is a large image of Jesus on the cross. Luther the preacher has an arm raised, pointing to the cross. This image powerfully captures how Lutheran Christians understand what a sermon is for. It is for pointing to Christ and his work for us on the cross. Again, this is not some new innovation by Martin Luther. It comes from the Bible itself. As St. Paul told the Christians in Corinth (quoted above), he came to them not with lofty words or worldly wisdom, but instead knowing nothing among them but Christ, and him crucified.

A favorite seminary professor of mine describes preaching as ultimately a matter of "handing over the goods," giving the hearer the good news of what Christ has done for us all. As your preacher, I might well give you some practical advice on occasion. While I don't strive to be entertaining, I do hope to engage you. I might even comment from time to time on the issues of the day (though I pay much more attention to the lectionary than the 24-hour news cycle). But above all, my job is to hand over to you the goods of the gospel. It is to speak the word of Christ from the scriptures. It is to point you to Jesus and what he has done for you. Every single Sunday. It is this message that stirs and sustains faith in the hearer, and we never stop needing to hear it.

Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer



Panel in the Wittenberg Altarpiece, Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1547

# Youth & Family Night

Sunday, January 6, 6:00-7:30 PM

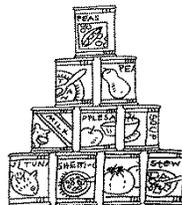
Join us for an Epiphany Party!



- + We'll enjoy King's Cake cupcakes!
- + We'll play Epiphany-themed games!
- + We'll learn more about Epiphany!



*In commemoration of the gifts the Wise Men brought to Jesus, each family is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank!*



All are welcome!

## January 12: New Member Class

Pastor Spencer will be holding a one-session new member class on Saturday, January 12 from 9:00 AM to noon for those who would like to become members of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church. Lunch will be provided. New members will be received on Sunday, January 13. Please sign up for the class via the *Connection Card* in the worship bulletin, or by sending an RSVP to Pastor Spencer at [pastor@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@oakharborlutheran.org). Please note any allergies or dietary restrictions. Child care may be available upon request.

## January 13: Semi-annual meeting and potluck

We will convene our semi-annual meeting at noon on Sunday, January 13. All voting members of Oak Harbor Lutheran are encouraged to attend as we consider our congregational budget for 2019 and attend to other items of business. An agenda for the meeting with the proposed 2019 budget will be made available on Sunday, January 6. Plan on bringing a dish to share as we enjoy a potluck after our meeting.

## Adult education series resumes in January



*The Bible Project* continues! We meet in the library/fireside room with Pastor Spencer on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 AM, and Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. If you'd like to get caught up on previous books we've covered, you can visit our church website or Facebook page for videos and discussion questions from past sessions. Here's what's coming up in January:

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday, Jan. 6/Tuesday, Jan. 8:   | Isaiah   |
| Sunday, Jan. 13/Tuesday, Jan. 15: | Jeremiah |
| Sunday, Jan. 20/Tuesday, Jan. 22: | Daniel   |
| Sunday, Jan. 27/Tuesday, Jan. 29: | Malachi  |

## IMMEDIATE OPENINGS available on the flower chart for 2019

The new chart for chancel and organ flowers has been posted in the hallway outside Pastor Spencer's office door, starting with openings in January and February! Sign up to celebrate an event or memorialize a loved one, and you'll be contacted regarding ordering information and the wording you'd like to have printed in the worship bulletins.



## Synod assembly set for May 17-19

The Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA will gather for its synod assembly at the Lynnwood Convention Center on May 17-19. This assembly will be electing a new bishop for our synod. We are seeking three adult voting members and one youth to attend the assembly. We will be commuting and/or carpooling to Lynnwood each day. Registration costs are covered by the congregation.

Voting members will be elected at our semi-annual meeting on January 13. *If you are interested in representing OHLC as a voting member, please let us know through the Connection Card in your worship bulletin.*

## Welcoming the newly-baptized

**Molly Leigh Jones** was baptized on November 25. Molly is the daughter of Tom and Jennifer Jones and granddaughter of Ron and Shelly Muzzall.

**Toryn Smith McCormick** was baptized on December 23. Toryn is the son of Ryan and Micheala McCormick and great-grandson of Helen Brandt of blessed memory. The McCormicks are currently stationed in San Diego and were home in Oak Harbor to celebrate Christmas.

**Jaxson Lane Taflinger** was baptized on December 23. Jaxson is the son of Elizabeth and Robert Taflinger, and the nephew of Zach and Kendall Gibbons. Elizabeth grew up at OHLC (she's Tom & Kristine Gibbons' elder daughter). Her husband is currently stationed in Bremerton, and the family was together for Christmas in Oak Harbor.

Welcome, sister and brothers in Christ!



## BookMarks

**The Coupeville Book Group** will meet on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the home of Jan Heideger, 146 E. Welcher Road. Margaret Anderson will provide the dessert, and Trudy Decker will lead the discussion of the book, *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu And Their Race To Save The World's Most Precious Manuscripts* by Joshua Hammer.

In the 1980s, a young archivist, Abdul Kader Haidara, journeyed across the Sahara Desert and along the Niger River, tracking down tens of thousands of ancient Islamic and secular manuscripts that were crumbling in the trunks of pastoralists and farmers. His goal: to preserve this crucial part of the world's patrimony. But Al Qaeda showed up at the door.

*The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* tells the remarkable true tale of how a mild-mannered Haidara became one of the world's most prolific smugglers, organizing a heroic heist to sneak all 350,000 manuscripts to the safety of southern Mali.

"At once a history, caper and thriller" (*The Economist*), it is the extraordinary story of a man who, through extreme circumstances, discovered his highest calling, and a reminder that ordinary citizens often do the most to protect the beauty of their culture from the threats of the modern world.

Nonfiction, 242 pgs.

Available in print, large print, Audiobook CD,  
Downloadable Audiobook and ebook

**The Second Wednesday Book Group** meets Wednesday, January 9 at 1:00 PM in the church library to discuss *Last Bus to Wisdom*, by Ivan Doig.

Ivan Doig's last book is a coming of age story about a boy, Donal, and his great-uncle on a cross-country odyssey. Donal is being raised by his grandmother; when she needs surgery, he is shipped off to her sister in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Once there, Donal is in for a big surprise when he discovers that his great-aunt Kate is nothing like his grandmother, and he finds a friend in her good-natured husband, Herman.

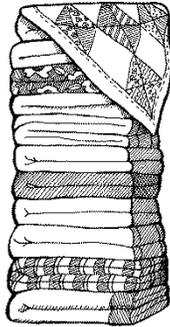
Fiction, 451 pages

Available in print, large print, downloadable Audiobook, Audiobook cd

### Blanket Workshop – note January’s change!

**B**lanket Workshop meets regularly to sew and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You don’t need to have to know how to sew to participate, and newcomers are always welcome!

Please note we’re starting off the New Year with a change from the usual schedule: rather than meet on New Year’s Day, we’ll gather in the fellowship hall on **Tuesday & Wednesday, January 8 & 9**, beginning at 9 AM. (We’ll wrap up a little early on Tuesday to accommodate the Brotherhood of St. Bernard lunch and study group, regular users of that space on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays). Questions? Contact Leona McKee, 360-675-5712, [bcmac68@comcast.net](mailto:bcmac68@comcast.net).



### Circle meetings in January

**W**omen’s circles meet regularly for fellowship, Bible study, and occasional service projects. Newcomers are welcome! Drop by the church on one of these meeting days, or call the office for more information, 360-679-1561.

- 1/10, 17, 24, 31     **Deborah Circle** meets at 10 AM in the library.  
1/7, 21             **Lydia Circle** meets at 6 PM in the prayer room.  
1/15                 **Rebecca Circle** meets at 10 AM in the library.

**Deborah Circle notes:** We meet from 10 AM until noon. All are welcome to join us for Bible study and fellowship! Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey at [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com).

- 1/ 3: (No meeting) Happy New Year!  
1/10: *The Bible Jesus Read*, by Philip Yancy, Session 4,  
      *Deuteronomy: A Taste of Bittersweet*, pages 57-64  
1/17: Session 4, *Deuteronomy*, pgs. 65-73  
1/24: Session 5, *Psalms: Spirituality In Every Key*, pgs. 73-79  
1/31: Session 5, *Psalms*, pgs. 80-86

### 2019 Women’s Retreat

Registration forms for the Women’s Retreat will be available in the church office, beginning Monday, January 14.

## *Loving Kindness*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. –Ephesians 4:32*

**2019 Women’s Retreat, April 26-28**  
**Quaker Cove Retreat Center, Anacortes, WA**

### Registration:

Full weekend (lodging + meals): \$105, due by April 12  
Saturday only (2 meals): \$50.

Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey, [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com).

## In the Community

*Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge*

### LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

Saturday, January 26  
serving 12:00 noon – 4:00 PM

Open to the public!



Lutefisk with butter/cream sauce     Meatballs and gravy  
Potatoes, vegetable, lefse



Nordic Hall  
63 Jacobs Road, Coupeville

**Tickets:** Adults - \$25; Ages 5-12, \$15  
**Reservations must be made no later than January 20!**

Visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)  
or call Brian Petersen, 360-678-5197

The month of December was short on class time here at His Kids Preschool, but we did pack it full of fun! We started the month off with Pastor Jeff presenting the gift of story Bibles to each of our students at chapel time, and we welcomed their families to witness this special time for them.

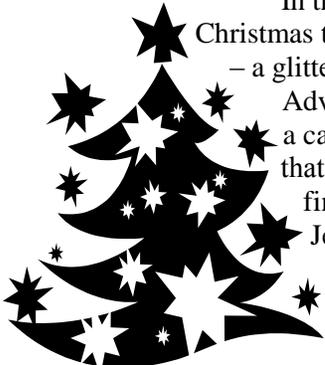
In the classroom, we decorated our painted paper Christmas trees with ornaments that remind us of the season – a glittery star like the one the Wise Men followed, an Advent candle colored blue, a fluffy cotton ball lamb, a candy cane, a bell, and a green wreath in a circle that reminds us that God’s love never ends. We finished each tree with a red bow to remind us that Jesus is still the best Christmas gift.

The students made bright and adorable paper doily angels, which are decorating the education wing hallway bulletin board.

Brightening the classroom, we have paper stockings laced by the children’s own little hands and decorated with candy canes turned upside-down to make a “J” for Jesus, and a display of glittery, painted paper bells to ring out the good news.

Throughout the month, we also decorated our classroom Christmas tree with a collection of 19 hats, 2 scarves, 8 pairs of socks, and 27 pairs of mittens and gloves. These thoughtful gifts will be shared with people in need in our surrounding community.

Our last day in the class before Christmas break was full of activity as the students finished projects and wrapped up the small gifts they’d made for their parents. We had our *Happy Birthday, Jesus* party, with balloons, cupcakes, and other special treats, and both morning and afternoon classes got a special visit from Santa who brought delicious oranges for the children. What a fun day to end our month before we took our break for the Christmas season!



Here are our preschoolers’ ideas for a **Christmas gift for baby Jesus.**

### Morning class

**Logan Z:** a gingerbread man cookie  
**Colt:** a little paper Christmas tree  
**Cole:** a Christmas tree night light  
**Logan B:** a gingerbread cookie  
**Levi:** a candy cane  
**Elijah:** a nice plate of food  
**Owen:** cookies, because he likes them

**Scott:** a toy car  
**Lawson:** a baby bike  
**Lily:** a cookie  
**Kennedy:** a baby doll  
**Easton:** a toy car  
**Amy:** a bottle  
**Mya:** a teddy bear

### Afternoon class

**Charlee:** a candy cane  
**Avery:** a doll  
**Kaitlyn:** my favorite stuffed animal  
**Paisley:** a cupcake  
**Taylor:** a gingerbread man  
**Adalyn:** a cookie heart  
**Aiden:** a bottle  
**Grey:** a paper Christmas tree

**Edwin:** a Lego boat  
**Sharon:** a candy cane  
**Hanna:** a cookie  
**Alina:** a stuffed animal  
**Naomi:** marshmallows  
**Andi:** a squishy toy car  
**Sadie:** a cookie heart  
**William:** a stuffed animal

We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas season and a blessed 2019. We are excited to see what the new year brings for us!

God’s Peace,  
Ms. Elva, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Sara

	<b>Included in this newsletter</b> are <i>Prayer Ventures</i> and <i>The Spirit</i> for January.
	<b>Little Lutheran Bags</b> in January: Dave & Peg Fosnaugh.
	<b>The deadline for articles</b> for the February newsletter is Tuesday, January 22.

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## Thoughts for Epiphany

Epiphany, which comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, means “an appearance” or “a revealing.” Centuries ago, the church set aside January 6, the 12<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas, to mark the revealing of Jesus as Christ to the wise men, who were Gentiles. Jesus’ first followers were Jewish, so the revelation of the divine Christ to the non-Jewish magi reminds us that Jesus came to earth to save the whole world.

Symbols of Epiphany include light, a star, a crown (or three crowns) and a globe or stylized portrayal of the world. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity.

On the church calendar, the Epiphany season lasts until Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.



### Lessons in wise faith

“The Magi teach us true faith,” said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were “off the mark,” coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a “royal palace.” Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight “so utterly out of keeping with a king” — a poor young woman and child, in a “poor hut” — that one might expect them to head straight home. “But,” declares Luther, “with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart,” bowing to worship and honor the Savior.

- Based on Luther’s sermon  
for the Festival of the Epiphany (1522), *Luther’s Works*

### Gold, frankincense and myrrh

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look ... their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

- Peter Chrysologus, Bishop of Ravenna (5<sup>th</sup> Century)

from *The Newsletter* Newsletter, 1/18 & 1/19

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## Compassion Ministry

### Stephen Ministry is *your* ministry

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church is a place of fellowship where we form circles of friends who support us in times of need. Here we claim the compassionate love of Christ as our model for treating one another, and when we meet together in worship we express Christ’s love as the way in which we act with one another.

Sometimes, however, we find that our compassionate circle of friends is not enough to help us through troubled times. Sometimes it takes more, especially in the Christmas and Epiphany seasons, when the high expectations of the holidays can lead us to frustration, isolation, and even depression.

When we are going through such difficult times, we may find a need for someone we can turn to as a listening ear. Stephen Ministers have a unique ministry within the church to provide such support. Stephen Ministers are trained in specific listening and reflection skills to provide care for those who are hurting. It is most especially a ministry that maintains confidentiality and one-on-one support. If you are going through difficult times and feel a Stephen Minister might help, please contact pastor Stroud or Gaye Rodriguey through the church office, 360-679-1561, [office@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:office@oakharborlutheran.org).

### Sharing shows caring

A big THANK YOU!! to all for making the 2018 Sharing Tree a success again. You made it possible for many adults and children to receive a few gifts for Christmas, which might not have happened otherwise. It took a lot of help to make it happen, from the helpers that put up the tree, to the tag makers, gift buyers, sorters and deliverers.

Another big THANKS for the donations from our Oak Harbor Lutheran Church pre-school families, and our knitting group who donated gloves and hats and those who donated funds and gift cards for groceries and gas. What a wonderful effort by all of you.

Thank you, too, to all who donated coats and other warm items for our annual fall coat drive in October.

The year-end Ministry of the Month bulletin board highlighted many of the ways people received your help in 2018, proclaiming that, “You are a gift to us and to many others.” Happy New Year! We will start again soon, caring and sharing in 2019!

Joyfully, Skip and Judy Lycksell

## Congratulations, Glenn!

Thank you to all who participated in the recent Watoto benefit quilt drawing. We're happy to announce the winner was OHLC's Glenn Cornelius.

### *Josephine Caring Community, Stanwood*

#### Christmas thanksgiving

*And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." (Luke 3:10-11)*

Dear Partner Churches,

 I'd like to offer you a quick but heartfelt word of thanks for your wonderful generosity towards our Christmas Gift-Giving Tree Project. Through your gift of love, we were able to gather more than 200 gifts and were able to give a gift to every single resident that we have here at Josephine Caring Community. Your impact was also personal since we had the opportunity to give them something specific that they actually wanted. So, thanks so much for both your patience and that extra gift of love and care. During a time in their lives when their children are often making many decisions for them, when their medications and meal times are directed by others, and when their mobility issues have limited the freedoms they used to enjoy, it can be incredibly meaningful to be heard in a loving way.



Will your gifts fix all the things that our Josephine residents are struggling with? No, there is no reason we need to fool ourselves by saying that. But could your gifts help remind our residents that God has not forgotten them? Might they feel comfort in knowing that people of God carry them in their thoughts and prayers? Might that offer them a little bit of healing and peace? Yes, sure it can!

I love John the Baptist's reply, heard in the scripture readings a few weeks ago, when different groups of people around him were asking about how they might live as baptized children of God. With each and

every reply, John offered something within their capacity. To those in the crowd who have two coats, give one to someone who has none. To those who have plenty to eat, give food to those who don't have enough to eat. To the tax collector, collect no more money than you are supposed to collect. To the soldiers, don't extort money from anyone. John didn't direct folks to solve the world hunger issue, or to figure out the issues of world poverty, or to protest the government, or to become a pacifist. John *did* encourage folks, though, to act with kindness, love, and honesty, and in that way to make a difference in their own corner of the world.

So thank you for being a part of the healing journey of the folks here (physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually) by living out your baptized call. It is truly meaningful and it's all the more so in that it's coming from you. A shout out also to my assistant, Jill, for her good work coordinating. Blessings in this Christmas season!

Warmly, Chaplain Andy

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## In appreciation

 Thank you, dear friends at OHLC, for helping to make our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary fellowship celebration a blessed and unforgettable occasion.

A special thank you to Mary & Kelly Brock and Joanne Korengo & Mike Fankhauser for putting the finishing touches on a perfect day. Having our younger daughter, Terri Jo, drive up to spend the day was truly a blessing also.

We are truly blessed by our family at OHLC; you make every day great!

Dave & Peg Fosnaugh

 Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who brought soup and bread for the meals following our midweek Advent worship services at noon and 6 PM, and to the cheerful saints who helped with set-up and clean-up chores!



<b>Worship assistants</b>		
<b>January 6</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b> Healing Prayer	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Ron Ernst <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Tracey Tomlin <b>Ushers:</b> Dave & Peg Fosnaugh <b>Music:</b>	<b>Acolyte:</b> Marion Christensen <b>Computer:</b> Donna Aspery  <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>10:30 AM</b> Healing Prayer	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Moira Bartrand <b>Communion Asst.:</b> <b>Music:</b> Harbor Choir	<b>Acolyte:</b> Ryleigh Bruce <b>Computer:</b> Luke Spencer <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Jan Ernst
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Presider:</b> Pastor Marc Stroud <b>Cantor:</b> Carol Reafs <b>Communion Asst.:</b> D. <u>Wysomierski</u>	<b>Assisting Min.:</b> Debbie Wysomierski <b>Piano:</b> Kris Bruland
<b>January 13</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Tom Piper <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Peg Fosnaugh <b>Ushers:</b> Jeff Margraf, Tom Carey <b>Music:</b> Morning Glory	<b>Acolyte:</b> Don Lesetmoe <b>Computer:</b> Sheila Ryan  <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Ken Grigsby <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Carol Reafs <b>Music:</b> Harbor Choir	<b>Acolyte:</b> Rees Myers <b>Computer:</b> Peter Spencer <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Presider:</b> Pastor Jeffrey Spencer <b>Cantor:</b> Carol Reafs <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Charles Wardle	<b>Assisting Min.:</b> Charles Wardle <b>Piano:</b> Kris Bruland
<b>January 20</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Jeff Margraf <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Marge Moore <b>Ushers:</b> Steve & Martha Ellis <b>Music:</b> Praise Team	<b>Acolyte:</b> Logan Stone <b>Computer:</b> Mia Ackerman <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Mark Needler <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Gisela Hawley <b>Music:</b> Harbor Choir	<b>Acolyte:</b> Anders Spencer <b>Computer:</b> <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud
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<b>January 27</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> <b>Communion Asst.:</b> <b>Ushers:</b> Lenita Forster, Joan Flowers <b>Music:</b> Morning Glory	<b>Acolyte:</b> Mackenzie Mathieu <b>Computer:</b> M or K Brock  <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Kris Bruland
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Amy Bruce <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Bob Wall <b>Music:</b> Harbor Choir	<b>Acolyte:</b> John Totten <b>Computer:</b> Rick Culbertson <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Presider:</b> Pastor Jeffrey Spencer <b>Cantor:</b> Carol Reafs <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Margaret Anderson	<b>Assisting Min.:</b> Margaret Anderson <b>Piano:</b> Kris Bruland

## Financial Report

November

	<i>November</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$ 40,005	\$ 408,873
Outgo	<u>42,889</u>	<u>422,169</u>
	\$ <u>(2,885)</u>	\$ <u>(13,296)</u>

## Worship Attendance

December

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Coupeville	Nursery
Dec. 2	88	103	20	1
Dec. 9	78	116	18	0
Dec. 16	82	119	22	0
Dec. 23	128	113	29	6
<b>Average Att.</b>	94	113	22	2

*Dec. 30 will be included in the January statistics*

Average Sunday attendance: 231

Midweek Advent worship averages: 12:00 Noon – 23; 6:00 PM – 62

Christmas Eve attendance: 4 PM, 165; 7 PM, 121; 10 PM, 77

Christmas Day attendance: 44

## Lesser Festivals & Commemorations

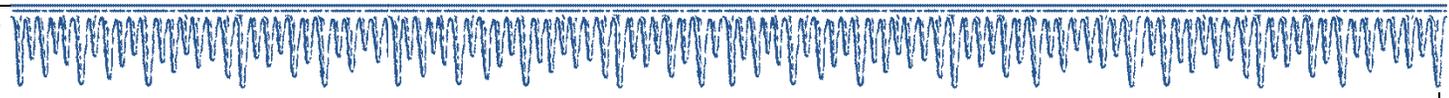
January

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| 1 THE NAME OF JESUS  | 19 Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, 1156                                       |
| 2 Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, 1872                         | 21 Agnes, martyr, 304   |
| 6 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD   | 25 The Conversion of St. Paul<br><i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</i> |
| 7 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  | 26 Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries                                      |
| 15 Martin Luther King, Jr., renewer of society, martyr, 1968                       | 27 Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe<br><i>witnesses to the faith</i>                   |
| 17 Antony of Egypt, 356, Pachomius, 343, renewers of the church                    | 28 Thomas Aquinas, 1274, teacher  |
| 18 The Confession of St. Peter<br><i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i> |   |

This month's featured font is **Broadway**;

decorated caps are **ACI-STAR**.

# JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1 New Year's Day</b> <i>Church office closed</i>  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 8:45 Pastors' Text Study  7:00 Overeaters Anon.	<b>3</b>  6:00 Knitting Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>6 Epiphany</b> <i>Healing prayer</i> <i>at the morning services</i> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 <i>The Bible Project</i> 9:15 Men's Ensemble 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 Den meetings 3:00 Youth & Fam. Night 6:00 <b>Vespers/Coupeville</b> 6:30	<b>7</b> 9:30 Stephen Ministry Training 12:30 Munchy Monday  5:30 Girl Scouts 6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA	<b>8</b> 9:00 Blanket Workshop 9:30 Stamping Group 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard  7:00 Cpvl Book Group 7:00 <i>The Bible Project</i> 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 8:45 Pastors' Text Study 9:00 Blanket Workshop 11:30 Book Group  7:00 Harbor Choir 7:00 Overeaters Anon.	<b>10</b> 10:00 Deborah Circle  3:45 Youth Choir 4:00 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 5:15 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 Council	<b>11</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 <i>The Bible Project</i> 9:15 Men's Ensemble 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 Semi-annual Congregational meeting 12:00 Potluck afterwards Den meetings 3:00 <b>Vespers/Coupeville</b> 6:30	<b>14</b> 9:30 Stephen Ministry Training 12:30 Munchy Monday  5:30 Girl Scouts 6:00 SPIN Café Board 7:00 North Whidbey NA	<b>15</b> 10:00 Rebecca Circle  6:30 Scout Adult Comm. 7:00 <i>The Bible Project</i> 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 8:45 Pastors' Text Study  7:00 Harbor Choir 7:00 Overeaters Anon.	<b>17</b> 10:00 Deborah Circle  3:45 Youth Choir 4:00 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Knitting Group	<b>18</b> 6:00 Set up for Pinewood Derby	<b>19</b> 2:00-4:00 PM Pack 4098 Pinewood Derby
<b>20</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 <i>The Bible Project</i> 9:15 Men's Ensemble 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30  <b>Vespers/Coupeville</b> 6:30	<b>21 Martin Luther King Jr.</b> <i>Church office closed</i>  9:30 Stephen Ministry Training  5:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 North Whidbey NA	<b>22 Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:00 CADA Parenting Class 7:00 <i>The Bible Project</i> 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 8:45 Pastors' Text Study  7:00 Harbor Choir 7:00 Overeaters Anon.	<b>24</b> 10:00 Deborah Circle  3:45 Youth Choir 4:00 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Knitting Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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