
Pastor's Page: Live Like You Were Dying

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb...I come to the end—I am still with you.

Psalm 139:13, 18

So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a wise heart.

Psalm 90:12

Pastors are reminded of the reality of human mortality on just about a daily basis. Hardly a day goes by when I don't have a conversation with a widow or widower. I am on a first name basis with most of the funeral home directors and employees in town. I am privy to the stories of how death has touched people's lives, and so when I look out at the congregation on Sunday mornings I see people who are still stinging over the father they lost in childhood, or the friend who died unexpectedly, or the babies they carried that never saw the light of day.

"Isn't that hard?" people sometimes ask me. Yes, sometimes it is. Probably the hardest part of pastoral ministry is the emotional exhaustion that can sometimes set in. But it is also a blessing. You read that right – being regularly reminded of the fragility of life is a blessing. A tremendous blessing, actually. Being regularly reminded that someday either my wife or I will have to live without the other makes me a more affectionate, loving husband. Being reminded that I will not always be in my kids' lives makes me a more patient, attentive, intentional father. Being reminded that my life is fragile and will end at a time not of my choosing makes me receive each day as a gift. Even more, it reminds me to focus on God more than on the transitory, fleeting things of this life. Yes, it is a blessing.

Please don't hear me saying this makes me a better person than other people. It is because I am as self-centered and short sighted as anyone else that I need these reminders and benefit from them. I sometimes wonder if one of the reasons God called me into ministry was to surround me with these reminders, knowing I would need them.

We live in a culture that is in denial about death. We hide it away. It is The Thing That Shall Not Be Named. This is understandable, of course. But it also denies people the blessing of living their lives in light of the reality of death. You know what's worse than facing your own mortality? Living your life with your head in the sand.

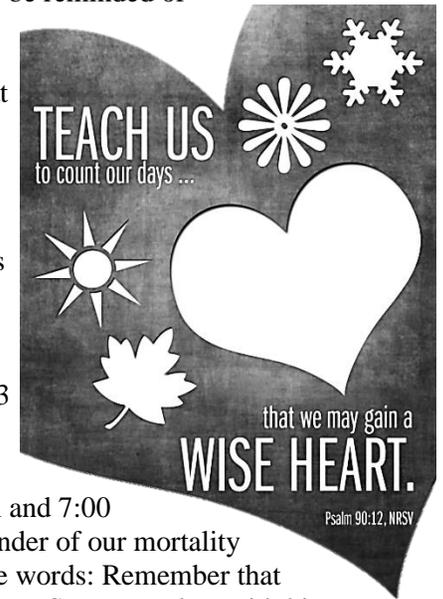
We have two events here at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church this

month which give us an opportunity to be reminded of our own mortality. The first is our annual will seminar with attorney Brock Stiles. Mr. Stiles is a member at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sedro Woolley and kindly comes out once a year to offer our members some free legal advice on how to plan for end of life legal and financial matters. This is hard stuff to address, but our stewardship in this area is an important ministry to our families. I hope you will consider joining us on February 23 for this seminar.

Then on February 26 we have Ash Wednesday, with services at noon and 7:00 PM. This is our annual liturgical reminder of our mortality as we are marked with ash and hear the words: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Some people avoid this service like the plague. (Sorry, bad choice of words.) But in doing so, they miss the blessing. I hope you will come.

I am writing on the topic of mortality here not just to invite you to these two events, but to invite you to bravely face the truth of your own limited life span. There is a blessing in doing so. The psalmist encourages us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom. As Christians we can face the reality of death with confidence, trusting that the same God who knit us together in the womb will raise us up to eternal life through Christ Jesus. ***I come to the end – I am still with you.***

Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer



In Sympathy

Our hearts go out to those who have recently suffered the loss of loved ones, including...

...Joanne Korengo and family, following the death of her husband, Mike Fankhauser, on January 7 (*see the related note on pg.6*);

...Ron Ernst and family, following the death of his mother, Johanna Ernst, on January 25.

Peace be to their memory.



Growing & Learning

Adult Bible study in February



GALATIANS: Faith, Freedom, and the Fruits of the Spirit

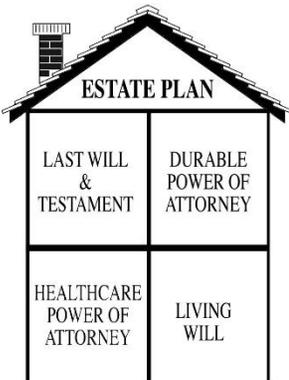
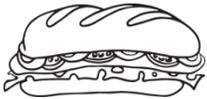
In February we continue with our six-session study of one of Paul's passionate letters, his letter to the Galatians. This study is offered both on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 and Tuesday nights, 7:00-8:00.

Here's the schedule so you can read ahead:

- Sunday, Feb. 2/Tuesday, Feb. 4: Galatians 4
- Sunday, Feb. 9/Tuesday, Feb. 11: Galatians 5
- Sunday, Feb. 16/ Tuesday, Feb. 18: Galatians 6

February 2: Super Bowl subs

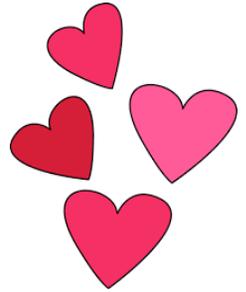
Thanks to everyone who ordered sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday from our Luth Youth Group! Your orders will be made fresh on Sunday morning, February 2, and can be picked up in Herrigstad Hall after the 10:30 AM worship service.



Sunday, February 23: Will seminar

Preparing a will is an important act of stewardship and a ministry to your family and to your church, and so the Endowment Committee is hosting a free will seminar at OHLC. We will welcome Lutheran attorney Brock Stiles who will give a presentation and answer your questions. A light lunch will be served. If you plan to attend, RSVP via the *Connection Card* or by calling the church office.

Valentine's Day



PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

Friday, February 14, 6:00-9:00 PM

MOMS & DADS!

Let your kids have fun while you go out!

We will provide a pizza dinner,
fun activities, and a safe environment
for your children
(potty-trained toddlers through 5th grade)
so you can enjoy some special time together
on Valentine's Day.

THIS EVENT IS FREE.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
AND SPACE IS LIMITED.**

**Please register in the church office
by February 10.**

Congregation life

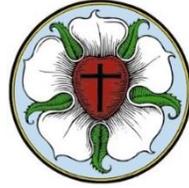
Servus Dei award presented

At our semi-annual meeting on January 26, the Servus Dei (*Servant of God*) award was given to Mike Fankhauser and Joanne Korengo. Mike and Joanne have served OHLC together faithfully for many years. Mike was a chaperone at our Monday after school program and was a frequent communion assistant. Joanne has been our funeral reception coordinator, regularly helps in the office, and is a faithful participant of the monthly newsletter assembly crew. Together they have served in the kitchen for midweek soup suppers and potlucks and have also been our regular Friday morning bulletin stuffer.

It was already decided to present this award to them as a couple before Mike's sudden death on January 7. We remember Mike with gratitude, and continue to be thankful for Joanne.



A great team: Joanne and Mike



Flowers are presented to the glory of God

The flower chart for 2020 is posted in the hallway beside Pastor Spencer's study door. Openings are still available, including the first 2 Sundays in March! We invite you to sign up to provide flowers to the glory of God for one or more of our worship services.

Peg Fosnaugh, chancel flower coordinator, does the ordering through The Greenhouse florist; she'll contact you regarding your specific flower preferences and the wording you'd like for the bulletin (for example, offered in honor or in memory of a person or event). Afterwards, consider returning the **empty container** (minus the green oasis material) to the office and we'll return it to The Greenhouse for reuse.

Chancel flower arrangements are \$45; flowers on the organ are \$35. Make your check to OHLC, with the notation 'flowers' on the memo line, and put it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

OHLC welcomes eleven new members!

On Sunday, January 26, our congregation formally received the following people into membership:

 **Andy and Melissa Faivre** and baby **Abigail** live in Coupeville. Andy is an aircraft overhaul and repair supervisor at NAS Whidbey (working with Luke Myers) and Melissa is a corrections officer at the Island County Jail. Abigail will be baptized on Easter Sunday!

 **Peter and Diane Macaluso** have been longtime friends of OHLC (via the Wheelers). Diane spent a lot of time here when she was serving as a special ed teacher at OHHS, as her transitional students program used our fellowship hall for special cooking projects. Both are now retired.

 **Michael and Mandy Seeley** come to us from Iowa. Michael is a Naval officer and attorney at NAS Whidbey and Mandy is a career counselor. We are hoping to hear Michael play his euphonium at OHLC sometime soon and Mandy is interested in Stephen Ministry.

 **Ted and Janet Smith** recently moved to Whidbey Island from Citrus Heights, California, where they were members at Ascension Lutheran Church. Ted is a retired engineering geologist and former college instructor and Janet, who has a Ph.D. in Old Testament, is a Bible teacher and author.

 **John and Sharon Solin** are semi-retired, having resumed management of Oak Harbor Cinemas, where they are making many renovations.

We are so happy to have all of you here at OHLC!

Pictures of these new members are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex so you can match names to faces. Let's give these new friends a warm welcome!

Church kitchen users, take note! As the new kitchen managers, Sheila Ryan & Mary Brock ask that everything going into the fridge/freezers be marked with DATE OPENED &/or WHOSE IT IS. Sharpies are provided in the drawer near the phone. Unmarked items will be discarded. There's been too much stuff abandoned in both fridges, and this will also keep the Health Department happy. Thank you!

BookMarks

The Coupeville Book Group will meet Tuesday, February 11 at 7 PM in the Coupeville Library's meeting room.

First, Gail Dobbyn will lead the discussion of the book, *A Gentlemen in Moscow* by Amor Towles, our January book which was delayed due to snow. (See the January newsletter for the summary.)

Then, Trudy Decker will lead the discussion of *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* by Amy Meyerson:

Miranda Brooks grew up in the stacks of her eccentric uncle Billy's bookstore, solving the inventive scavenger hunts he created just for her. But on Miranda's 12th birthday, Billy has a mysterious falling-out with her mother and suddenly disappears from Miranda's life. She doesn't hear about him again until 16 years later when she receives unexpected news: Billy has died and left her Prospero Books – which is teetering on bankruptcy – and one final scavenger hunt. *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* is a lyrical story of family, love, and the healing power of community, a love letter to reading and bookstores, and a testament to how our histories shape who we become. *Fiction, 364 pages*

Available in paperback, eBook and downloadable Audiobook

Jean Congdon will provide the dessert. Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey at gaye@tobysuds.com

The Second Wednesday Book Group meets at 2 PM on Feb. 12 in the church library for a discussion of *Britt-Marie Was Here*, by Fredrik Backman:

Britt-Marie is a socially awkward, fussy busybody who is used to being organized. After walking away from her cheating husband, she gets a job as caretaker of a soon-to-be-demolished recreation center and – most alarming of all – is given the impossible task of leading the supremely untalented children's soccer team to victory. In her small town of misfits, can Britt-Marie find a place where she truly belongs? *Fiction, 324 pages*

eBook, large print, Audiobook CD, downloadable Audiobook

Questions? Contact Leona McKee, bcmac68@comcast.net, 360-675-5712.

Looking ahead towards Lent

Fat Tuesday pancake feed set for February 25

Join us at 6:00 PM for a Fat Tuesday feast of pancakes and bacon cooked up by OHLC's youth, in cooperation with the men's group. Come enjoy a feast before the Lenten fast! A free will offering will help send our youth to the Quake youth ministry event at Great Wolf Lodge this April!



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26

We mark the beginning of the season of Lent on February 26 with **Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7:00 PM**. Services include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Please note that midweek Lenten soup suppers don't begin until March 4. Sign up sheets will be available in the narthex starting in late February; we invite you to sign up to bring soup and/or bread or to help with set-up and clean-up.



Paddling through Lent – and life

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Inuit practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent – or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer, "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

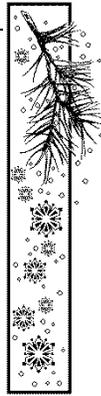


- adapted from Carlos Wilson in *Homiletics*, quoted in *The NewsletterNewsletter*, February 2020

His Kids Preschool

A ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

Winter weather has come into play here at His Kids Preschool, inside and out! Our recent weather is a sure sign, but a look into our classroom reveals paper plate penguins and polar bears with cotton ball coats (on different walls, since they live on different continents), hanging out with coffee filter snowflakes floating from the ceiling. The snowy weather was a perfect time for these craft projects, and the penguins and polar bears looked as if they were in their own environments against the wintry backdrop of the outdoors!



In January we started our **Star Student** focus for the school year, and our Star Students for those weeks were **Logan, Levi, Hannah, and Owen**. We suspect Oak Harbor's recent snow and resulting school closures *might* have been Logan's fault... His poster included a huge snowman and wishes for lots of snow, a wish that certainly came true!

Although we lost almost a week of class time due to school closures, we've still been busy with our regularly-scheduled activities of having visitors and going to our field trips. January was Community Helper focus month. Officer Jeff Rang from the Oak Harbor Police Department came in for a classroom visit for each class to discuss how police officers are there to help people in their time of need. He talked about his "tool" belt, and showed the kids all the cool gadgets in his squad car. We also enjoyed the siren and flashing lights! Our field trip took us to the Oak Harbor Fire Department, where we met the fire-fighters and got a tour of their facility and fire trucks.

We learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. in our classes, and we shared with the children that he was a pastor just like our Pastor Jeff. Martin Luther King, Jr. wanted us to respect and love one another, just like God wants us to do. With that in mind, we made glittery paper doves to remind us of God's love and that we're all God's children.

Looking ahead to February; we will be starting registration for the 2020/21 preschool year. In-house registration for His Kids (for families already in the program with children and/or siblings returning or starting in the coming school year) will begin February 26. Church families (members and regularly-attending friends of OHLC) can register their children on March 4, and community registration will begin on March 11. Put it on your calendars, and share the news with your friends

who may have a preschool-aged child and are looking for a wonderful program to attend!

Finally, we asked the children to finish the sentence "*If I were a snowflake floating in the sky, I would like to land . . .*": Here are their answers.

AM class:

Abbey: on an ice skating rink

Adalyn: onto a snowman.

Liam: in a pine tree.

Eden: on the snowman's button.

Amara: on Mommy's snowman.

Wes: on a fluffy little bird.

Emily Kate: I will be a girl snowflake, and I will land on Daddy's head.

Levi: With the other snowflakes and see if they are nice.

Stella: on the skating rink because I didn't get to skate a lot of times.

Ethan: on Santa's head.

Ainhara: in the trees.

Ellie: on a snowman's head.

Lily: in the snow.

Clayton: on a stone.

Amy: on a tree.

Owen: on a dog hat.

PM class:

Logan: on the ground in the forest.

Luxlyn: on a car.

Aubrey: on a snowman.

Henry: on another snowflake

Juliet: in the pond.

Elijah: on the ground.

Jasper: on a T-rex because it's my favorite dino.

Julia: in the snow so people can use me to make a snowman.

Jayce: on a rock.

Hanna: on a T-rex.

Kara: on a rock.

Taysom: on Santa's hat.

Paisley: in New York City.

Jaden: on a slide

God's Peace – Ms. Elva, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Sara

In the community

Whidbey Sings!

Free Community Singalong,

sponsored by Whidbey Community Chorus

Friday, February 7, 7:00 PM

1st United Methodist Church, 1050 SE Ireland St. Oak Harbor

Light refreshments and social time afterwards. Come to sing (all skill levels welcome!) or come to listen! This is the first of a quarterly series of singalongs at area churches. At each event, they'll try to have information available about the date and location of the next singalong.

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OHLC Women

Opportunities for fellowship, study & service

Blanket Workshop

Blanket Workshop meets Tuesday & Wednesday, February 4 & 5, beginning at 9 AM in the fellowship hall to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. For more information, contact Leona McKee, bcmac68@comcast.net, 360-675-5712.

Circle meetings in February – Come join us! All are welcome!

Feb. 3, 17 **Lydia Circle** meets at 6 PM in the prayer room
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 **Deborah Circle** meets at 10 AM in the library
Feb. 18 **Rebecca Circle** meets at 10 AM in the library

Deborah Circle notes

2/ 6 Celebration of February birthdays!
2/13 January/February 2020 *Gather* magazine, “We Are Called,”
Session 1, pages 27-29
2/20 January/February 2020 *Gather* magazine, “We Are Called,”
Session 2, pages 36-38
2/27 January/February 2020 *Gather* magazine, “We Are Called,”
Session 2, pages 39-41

Registration begins soon for the 2020 Women’s Retreat



RETREAT

April 17-19, 2020
Quaker Cove Retreat Center,
Anacortes, Fidalgo Island.

Retreat leaders:

Pastor Cara Tanis & Gaye Rodriguey

Theme: “Complete Joy in Jesus”

“I have said these things to you so that my joy may
be in you, and that your joy may be complete.” John 15:11(NRSV)
“...yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will exult in the God of my salvation.”

Habakkuk 3:18

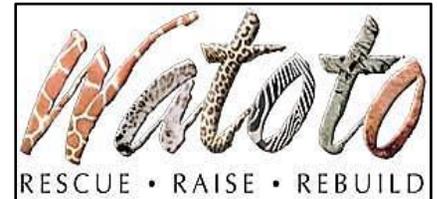
Registration forms will be available in the church office
starting Monday, February 10.

Compassion Ministry

February’s focus: Watoto

Watoto is our Ministry of the Month for February, and again in 2020 the threat of Ebola is real in Northern Uganda. The presence of this disease in all of Africa has made your Watoto team aware of the need for further medical education as well as qualified personnel to treat illness and disease. In Uganda there is presently 1 doctor for 250,000 patients.

In one more year Alfred, your OHLC-sponsored medical student, will graduate from medical school in Uganda with the intent to help the women and children of Watoto in Gulu in the northern part



of the country. Prior to medical school he worked as a physician assistant with Living Hope, a Watoto organization to provide medical care and to educate, employ and reintegrate abused women into a peaceful society. He also worked with our visiting team. In completing his education he is moving out of poverty and will be helping poverty-stricken people giving them better quality medical care than would otherwise be available. Watoto is presently looking for other motivated and called students, to help financially with their education. These future doctors, nurses, physician assistants can then return to help the poverty-stricken people of Watoto and Uganda to have better health and live a longer and better life.

In the past we have funded and built a nurses’ house and a medical clinic for Watoto. Currently, all of the funds raised by the Watoto team have been used for our visiting team’s medical supplies and for medical education. In 2020 we would like to continue using raised funds to work with Watoto to sponsor students in the medical field.

Note these upcoming Watoto events:

1. Host coffee time Sunday, February 9
2. Watoto presentation, date to be determined
3. Garage sale in June, date to be determined.

Skip Lycksell

(More from Compassion Ministry on the next page!)

More from Compassion Ministry

Stephen Ministry at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

What is Stephen Ministry?

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ. - Galatians 6:2

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are hurting or going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Once a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.



Join the team!

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower these lay caregivers through an extensive training series led by the congregation's Stephen Leaders. Subjects include the art of listening, relating gently and firmly, maintaining boundaries in caregiving, crisis theory and practice, dealing with depression, and ministering to those experiencing grief.

We are looking to organize a training series to begin this spring. If you are interested in receiving training to become a Stephen Ministry or would like more information about this ministry, please contact one of OHLC's Stephen Leaders – Gaye Rodriguey & Pastor Marc Stroud – or call the church office, 360-679-1561.

GO Missions:

Equipping Christians for service in Peru and beyond

Nick & Shannon Kraft, OHLC-sponsored missionaries in Peru, send word that CORE 2020 is underway. This year's 8-week training for youth, January 19 – March 14, has 11 participants. Please keep them in your prayers: *Carmelina, Maycol & Yuly* from Rio Santiago, *Anne Valorie* from Switzerland, *Kristen* from the USA, *Paula & Aaron* from Bolivia, and *Fernanda, Anders, Romina & Victor* from Peru. Their staff includes Valentina, Favio, Angie, Ruth, and Melissa, along with 2 of the Kraft kids, Maddy & Tucker. See their flyer on the narthex bulletin board!



Fair Trade Winds helps power mission support

Thank you for your support of the Fair Trade Winds sale this past December. Business owner Emily Lynn has made a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the amount of \$230 on OHLC's behalf as a result of the sales from that day.

Compassion Team
Carol Wall, fair trade sale organizer

Upcoming events at Lutherwood in Bellingham

Note these events at Lutherwood, our wonderful camp and retreat center located on Lake Samish, just south of Bellingham:

- ◆ **Elementary school retreat**, March 20 & 21, and 27-28
- ◆ **High School retreat**, May 1-3
- ◆ **Join Hands Day** (volunteer work day) May 2, 9 AM - 2-ish PM
- ◆ **Trail fun run**, May 16, beginning at 10 AM
- ◆ **Lifeguard class**, June 5-7
- ◆ **Camp starts on June 21!**



OHLC's Lutherwood representatives are Mike Dilley & Dave Myers. Contact them for more information, or check out the Lutherwood website, <https://www.camlutherwood.org/>.



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



The deadline for articles for the March newsletter is Wednesday, February 19.



Thursdays, beginning February 6: **Community prayer group**, 6:00-7:00 PM at His Place Christian Book Store, 350 SE Pioneer Way #103, Oak Harbor. For more information, contact Sandy Casimire, 360-675-3032.

Worship assistants

February 2		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Tom Carey Communion Asst.: Tracey Tomlin Ushers: Dave & Peg Fosnaugh Music: Morning Glory Healing Prayer: G. Rodriguey, T. Piper	Acolyte: Lucas Stone Computer: Donna Aspery Organ/Piano: Kris Bruland
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Rita Carter Communion Asst.: Bob Wall Music: Chancel Choir Healing Prayer: B. Wall, M. Stroud	Acolyte: Ryleigh Bruce Computer: Luke Spencer Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
6:30 PM	Presider: Pastor Marc Stroud Cantor: Carol Reafs Communion Asst.: Charles Wardle	Assisting Min.: C. Wardle Piano: Kris Bruland
February 9		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Tom Piper Communion Asst.: Peg Fosnaugh Music: Praise Team Ushers: Jeff Margraf, Tom Carey	Acolyte: Marion Christensen Computer: Sheila Ryan Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Craig Pedlar Music: Chancel Choir Communion Asst.: Gisela Hawley	Acolyte: John Totten Computer: Anders Spencer Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
6:30 PM	Presider: Pastor Jeffrey Spencer Cantor: Carol Reafs Communion Asst.: Margaret Anderson	Assisting Min.: M. Anderson Piano: Kris Bruland
February 16		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Jeff Margraf Communion Asst.: Marge Moore Ushers: Steve & Martha Ellis	Acolyte: Sam Richards Computer: Matthew Ackerman Organ/Piano: Kris Bruland
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Ken Grigsby Communion Asst.: Val Friedell	Acolyte: Anders Spencer Computer: Peter Spencer Organ/Piano: Kris Bruland
6:30 PM	Presider: Pastor Jeffrey Spencer Cantor: Carol Reafs Communion Asst.: Curt Davis	Assisting Min.: Curt Davis Piano: Kris Bruland
February 23		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Sheila Ryan Communion Asst.: Wendy Wilson Music: Morning Glory Ushers:	Acolyte: Don Lesetmoe Computer: Kelly Brock Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Trudy Decker Communion Asst.: Bobbi Miller Music: Men's Ensemble	Acolyte: Ryleigh Bruce Computer: Rick Culbertson Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
6:30 PM	Presider: Pastor Jay Decker Cantor: Carol Reafs Communion Asst.: Trudy Decker	Assisting Min.: Trudy Decker Piano: Kris Bruland

Little Lutheran Bags in February: Kathy Birch

Financial Report

December

	<i>December</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$ 53,454	\$ 473,350
Outgo	<u>43,805</u>	<u>475,285</u>
	\$ <u>9,650</u>	\$ <u>(1,936)</u>

Worship Attendance

January

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Coupeville	Nursery
Dec. 29	52	69	22	1
Jan. 5	64	96	21	0
Jan. 12	63	105	16	0
Jan. 19	67	106	25	2
Jan. 26	51	127	21	0
Average Att.	59	101	21	1

Average Sunday attendance: 182

Lesser Festivals & Commemorations

February

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| 2 The Presentation of our Lord | 18 Martin Luther, renewer of the Church, 1546 |
| 3 Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark & Sweden, 865 | 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, 156 |
| 5 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597 | 25 Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, 1921 |
| 14 Cyril, monk, 869; Methodius, bishop 855; missionaries to the Slavs | |

This month's featured font is Alliance;

Drop caps are **VALTIN**.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL M.T, W: 9:00 AM -Noon; 12:45-3:45 PM Pre-K Readiness Th, F: 9:00 AM-Noon No classes on Feb. 17 Registration for '20-'21: in-house begins 2/26! Opens to OHLC, 3/4; opens to the public, 3/11		The church calendar is updated regularly on OHLC's website, www.oakharborlutheran.org				1 4:00 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (set-up on Friday, 1/31)
2 Healing prayer <i>at the morning services</i> Worship 8:00 Youth Choir 9:00 Men's Ensemble 9:15 Sun. School/Adult Ed. 9:15 Worship 10:30 Vespers/Coupeville 6:30	3 12:30 Set up for Munchy Monday 5:00 Harbor Brass/ Penn Cove Brass 6:00 Lydia Circle 6:00 Arrow of Light 7:00 North Whidbey NA	4 9:00 Blanket Workshop 6:00 Patrol Leaders 6:30 Tigers/Bears 7:00 Galatians study 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 9:00 Blanket Workshop 10:30 CADA support gr. 11:30 OHLC Staff 6:00 Overeaters Anon 6:00 CADA Parenting 7:00 Chancel Choir	6 10:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 North Whidbey NA	7	8 10:00 Michelle's group
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16 Worship 8:00 Youth Choir 9:00 Men's Ensemble 9:15 Sun. School/Adult Ed. 9:15 Worship 10:30 Vespers/Coupeville 6:30	17 PRESIDENTS DAY <i>Church office closed</i> 6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA	18 10:00 Rebecca Circle 12:00 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers 1:30 Living with Loss/ Grief Support 6:30 Tigers/Bears 7:00 Galatians study 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 CADA support gr. 11:30 OHLC Staff 6:00 Overeaters Anon 6:00 CADA Parenting 7:00 Chancel Choir	20 OHLC serves for SPIN at Church on the Rock 10:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 North Whidbey NA	21	22
23 Worship 8:00 Youth Choir 9:00 Men's Ensemble 9:15 Sun. School/Adult Ed. 9:15 Worship 10:30 Will seminar 12:00 Confirmation 5:00 Vespers/Coupeville 6:30	24 12:30 Set up for Munchy Monday 5:00 Harbor Brass/ Penn Cove Brass 6:00 North Whidbey NA	25 9:30 Stamping Group 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 1:30 Living with Loss/ Grief Support 6:00 Fat Tuesday pancakes 6:30 Tigers/Bears 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Scout Board/Review	26 ASH WEDNESDAY OHLC serves for SPIN at St. Stephen's 10:30 CADA support gr. 12:00 Ash Wednesday Worship 6:00 Overeaters Anon 6:00 CADA Parenting 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship	27 OHLC serves for SPIN at Church on the Rock 10:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Morning Glory 5:15 Praise Team 6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 North Whidbey NA	29	29