

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



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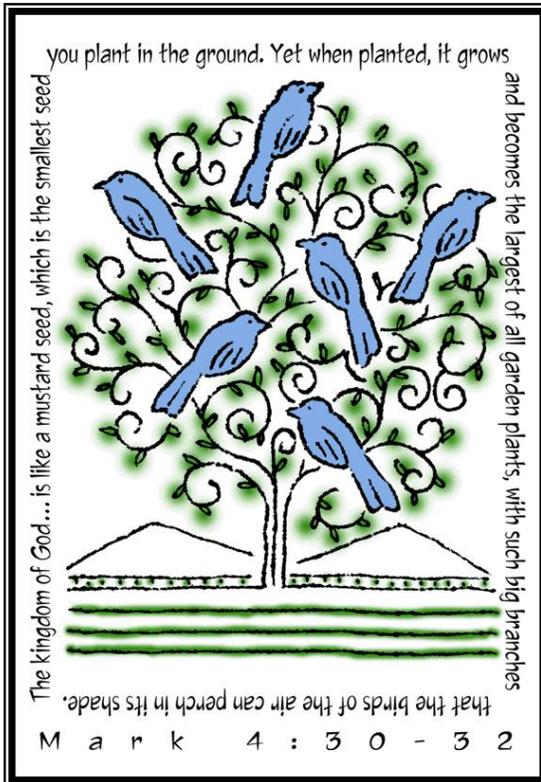
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## Pastor's Page: With Unveiled Faces

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.”

Numbers 6:24-25

“And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 3:18



I went to Costco shortly after the mask mandate was lifted for those who are fully vaccinated. Costco is one of several companies which quickly acted to lift their mask requirements after the announcements by the CDC and Governor Inslee. I bear no grudges towards those businesses choosing to continue to require masks and will comply without complaint with their policies, but boy was I excited to be in a public place without a mask. Lots of shoppers in Costco were still wearing masks, and I bear no grudge towards those who make that choice as individuals either. But for those of us shopping that day who were without masks, there was a noticeable connection between us. We made eye contact. We smiled. We took in the powerfully communicative expressions that the human face can convey with newfound appreciation. I hasten to add that this wasn't a judgmental “unmasked folks against those still wearing them” dynamic. At least I hope it wasn't. It certainly wasn't for me. Instead, it seemed to me to be a renewed appreciation for the personal connection brought about by unveiled faces, a connection we've been missing for so very long.

This experience at Costco got me thinking about the language of the benediction. In our liturgy we use the Aaronic blessing from Numbers 6, words God commanded Aaron to speak over the people of God to bless them. We end our services hearing these words: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you.” God's “face” in this blessing is a metaphor for God's loving presence. It symbolizes a personal connection with God. For God's face to shine upon us is for God to communicate to us his grace, mercy, and love. The



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metaphor is sometimes reversed in scripture as well. When God hides his face, nothing good happens!

It also got me thinking about a passage from 2 Corinthians. In chapter 3, St. Paul recalls how Moses had an encounter with God which resulted in his face shining with God's glory. Moses wore a veil to hide that glory from the Israelites. The Apostle then goes on to compare how we as Christians, through our encounter with the Lord Jesus, also reflect God's glory. However, in contrast to Moses, our faces remain unveiled as we bear Christ's glory to the world for all to see. Here an unveiled face is a metaphor for a personal connection with God which is powerfully communicated to others.

We conclude our worship hearing God's own words of blessing, wherein God pledges that his face shines upon us, communicating to us his grace, mercy, and love. Having encountered this God in Christ through Word and Sacrament, our faces begin to reflect God's glory. We leave worship with unveiled faces as we are sent out to share that glory with others.

These metaphors are all the more powerful now that we are beginning to be able to be unmasked after a long season of covering our faces. Wearing those masks may have been helpful in reducing the spread of COVID-19. It may have been an expression of neighbor love as we have sought to limit transmission of this airborne virus. To be sure, many continue to be masked, either because they are not yet vaccinated or simply as a personal choice. This is to be respected. But we are beginning to see each other's faces again, and in so doing we are being reminded just how much connection is established and how much communication is conveyed through those unveiled faces.

Comedian Jack Handey once quipped, “The face of a child can say it all. Especially the mouth part of the face.” It is true. Faces are so very expressive, to say nothing of the mouth! As the Lord “makes his face shine upon us” week after week, revealing his grace and mercy and love, may our faces shine with joy and our mouths bear witness to his saving love. Let us go out of our sanctuary and into our homes and our workplaces and our community and our world with unveiled faces to reflect the glory of God, especially for those who have been missing it.

Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer



## Mark your calendar

### Update for the Old Dogs

**T**he Brotherhood of St. Bernard (a.k.a the Old Dogs), OHLC's men's group, will meet at noon via Zoom for lunch & Bible study on June 8 & 22. The picnic on the 22<sup>nd</sup> has been cancelled. See you on Zoom!

### Semi-annual meeting, June 13

**W**e'll need to be short and sweet, but we will be having our semi-annual meeting in-person in the sanctuary between services at **9:15 on Sunday, June 13**. Our streamlined agenda will focus on the most urgent business, specifically the election of new council members. All COVID protocols will be in place to make for a safe gathering for our voting members.

### Celebrating grads, June 13

**O**HLC has four members who are graduating from Oak Harbor High School this year: **Mia Ackerman, Hunter Hogarth, Peter Spencer, and Isaiah Wiley**. Join us as we celebrate this milestone with them in worship on Sunday, June 13, and present them with their quillows! We are proud of you all, graduates!

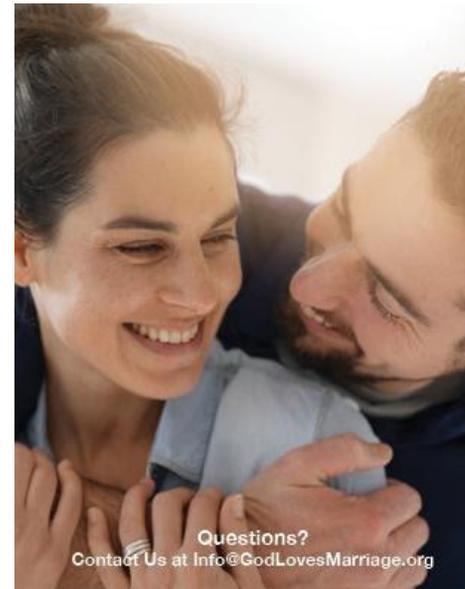
### Join us for apple pie on Independence Day!

**W**e are expecting to be able to resume our coffee hours by July, and the Fourth of July falls on a Sunday this year. In anticipation of this happy occasion we are planning to have apple pie after each service on Independence Day! You can sign up to bring apple pies to share on the Connection Card (remember those?) in your worship bulletins in the weeks ahead. We will provide both indoor and outdoor seating. We hope everyone will plan on sticking around to enjoy apple pie on the Fourth of July!

### Church picnic set for August 1

**W**et's have a picnic! We're planning to return to the Muzzall farm for an outdoor worship service and church picnic on Sunday, August 1, beginning at 11 AM. More details will be announced in the weeks ahead. Hooray!

## Lutheran Marriage Encounter virtual weekend



Learn to Communicate  
with Your Spouse  
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June 11 - 13, 2021

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Lutheran Marriage Encounter  
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Participate Together Wherever  
Your Privacy as a Couple Can Be Assured

Pre-Register Now or Learn More at  
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### Celebrating dads

As of press time, it is looking like COVID restrictions will result in our Father's Day coffee hour suffering the same fate as our Mother's Day celebration. If something changes by June 20, we may surprise you with a table full of donuts and celebrate a last-minute "Donuts with Dad." You'll just have to come to worship that Sunday and find out!



Whatever happens, we want all our OHLC dads to know that, just like our moms, you too are seen, valued, and loved by your church family. You play such an important role in the life of your children.

Our culture often sees fathers as optional, and regularly portrays them as bumbling dimwits. In the church, however, fatherhood is recognized as a high and noble calling and a holy vocation, worthy of our respect and honor, as noted in the fourth commandment. Whether we celebrate you with a special coffee hour on Father's Day or not, know that what you do is important, and that we are honoring you from a distance and in our prayers.

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## Bookmarks



The Coupeville Book Group will meet Tuesday, June 8 at 7 PM via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Gaye Rodriguey at [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com). Jan Heideger will lead the group in discussing the book *My Old Man and the Mountain*, by Leif Whittaker:

In 1963, the world followed the first American Mount Everest Expedition, and watched as “Big Jim” Whittaker became the first American to stand on top of the world. He returned home a hero.

*My Old Man and the Mountain* is Leif Whittaker’s engaging and humorous story of what was like to “grow up Whittaker”—the youngest son of Jim Whittaker and Dianne Roberts, in an extended family of accomplished climbers, where the pressure to climb started early on. Readers learn of his first adventures with family in the Olympic Mountains and on Mount Rainier; his close yet at times competitive relationship with his brother Joss; his battle with a serious back injury; and his efforts to stand apart from his father’s legacy. With wry honesty he depicts being a recent college grad, still living in his parents’ home and trying to find a purpose in life—digging ditches, building houses, selling t-shirts—until a chance encounter leads to the opportunity to climb Everest, just like his father did.

Leif heads to Nepal with all the excitement, irony, boredom, and trepidation that are part of high altitude climbing. Well-known guides David Hahn and Melissa Arnot figure prominently in his story, as does “Big Jim”. But Leif’s story is not his father’s story. It’s a unique coming of age tale on the steep slopes of Everest and a climbing adventure that lights the imagination and fills an emotional human endeavor with universal meaning.

*Nonfiction, 284 pages*

Available in book, ebook and downloadable Audiobook

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## Synod Assembly Report

The Northwest Washington Synod Assembly was held on May 15 via Zoom, with OHLC representation by Pastor Spencer, Gaye Rodriguey, Bob Wall, and Carol Wall. The theme was **United in Christ**, led with great joy by our NWWA Synod Bishop Shelly Bryan Wee.

Constitutional amendments were approved to create more flexibility in how the synod functions, after having learned some lessons during COVID. Other changes were adopted to update language to make

it consistent with churchwide terminology. A two-year budget was passed, and elections were held for various offices.

Reports were shared from ministry partners, including:

- ✘ Four new mission starts in the synod, including the Stilly Valley Dinner Church in Marysville, where worship is wrapped around having dinner together as a community;
- ✘ El Camino de Emaus, highlighting their new pastor, Rev. Josh Stromberg;
- ✘ The ELCA Churchwide Hunger Appeal’s ingathering of \$22 million, and our own Synod Hunger Team’s recent grants of \$500 to each of synod congregations who have feeding programs during this difficult time of COVID;
- ✘ Racial justice work; the LIVE Project, lay leader training to discern our calling to share the Lutheran understanding of grace, including courses on community and culture; and Growing Young, a strategy to engage young people;
- ✘ Announcement of a May 2022 trip to Russia (Contact OHLC’s own Ken Grigsby for information!);
- ✘ Pastor Jay Decker was recognized for 50 years of service in ministry, and Pastor Jeff Spencer was highlighted for 20.

The Churchwide Representative was the Rev. Christopher Otto, himself a retired ELCA military chaplain. He described how ELCA chaplains are highly desired by the Department of Defense because they are like O-positive blood – they can be given to anybody! In the ELCA we baptized babies and adults. We can do liturgical or non-liturgical worship. We have numerous ecumenical partnerships. We straddle the line between Catholicism and Protestantism. We offer communion to all baptized Christians. All of this makes our chaplains extremely adaptable and appreciated.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee thanked the congregations and pastors of our synod for our creative and faithful ways of being the church during the pandemic. For a full report, see Bishop Bryan Wee’s article, included in this newsletter as an insert.

Submitted by Pastor Spencer, Gaye Rodriguey, and Carol & Bob Wall



**Northwest Washington Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God’s work. Our hands.

## Heads up for Youth & Family!



This summer, in lieu of the standard week-long Vacation Bible School program, OHLC will be hosting single events mid-month in June, July and August. We look forward to seeing you for:

**June 11: Friday Night at the Movies!** Bring a blanket to sit on outside under the stars and enjoy *The Prince of Egypt* on the big screen. Remember that sunsets happen late in June, so meet at 9:00 PM and we'll start the movie at about 9:30.

**July 11: In God We Trust Bible Race!** Walk or run with us for either 1 mile or 5K. **To receive a race bib and completion medal, sign up with Beth Stephens ([Bethasteph@gmail.com](mailto:Bethasteph@gmail.com)) by June 13.**

**August 15: Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival!** Let's add some color to the church parking lot.



We met (in person!!) on May 23 for a game of Storyteller, where each participant added 1 sentence at a time to the tale. The evening netted 3 stories, which we're happy to share in the summertime newsletters. Here's the first:

### ***Kindness is Contagious: A modern day parable?***

It all started when a traveler accidentally picked up the wrong suitcase at the airport. He saw that the luggage tag had a person's name on it, so he went to that person. He asked if it was his suitcase. And the person said, "That is NOT my suitcase!" vehemently and angrily.

After that conversation, the traveler found the phone number and called them. On the other end of the phone was a confused older woman who only spoke Russian. Russian was the traveler's second language, and he realized the woman who answered was a dentist. So, the old Russian-speaking dentist woman thanked him for finding her suitcase and said, "Come over for some borscht and a free teeth cleaning so I can repay you for your kindness."

Since the old lady was so nice, after the cleaning, he gave her a \$30 tip. And the old Russian dentist lady said she would donate it to a charity. The charity she chose was Hot Air Balloon Rides for Kids. So, the dentist had a kid, and the kid had a hot air balloon ride along with other kids. The kid, Ivan, saw from the hot air balloon a cat on the tallest steeple of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in St. Petersburg. Ivan with his friends in the hot air balloon said, "Oh no, we've got to save this cat!" So, they lowered the ladder and gently scooped the cat into the basket. When they returned to the earth, the cat immediately ran out to do something nice for a Russian mouse. The cat brought the mouse back to the boys. The mouse had a collar with a phone number on it and it turns out the mouse belonged to the original traveler who had found the suitcase.

## OHLC Women

### Opportunities for fellowship, study & service

**Deborah Circle** will meet each Thursday in June at 10 AM via Zoom. Please contact Gaye Rodriguey at [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com) if you are interested in joining the group for Bible study and fellowship. We'll continue study in N.T. Wright's book *Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship*, and finishing the book on July 1.

June 3: Chapter 8, "The Mind Renewed"

June 10: Chapter 9, "Temptation"

June 17: Chapter 10, "Hell"

June 24: Chapter 11, "Heaven and Power"

July 1: Chapter 12, "New Life, New World"

**Lydia Circle** meets Mondays, June 7 & 21 at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall for Bible study. Masks are optional.

We'll meet Mondays, June 14 & 28 to work on crafts for the bazaar, on the calendar for Saturday, November 6! Join us as we get a head start in preparation.

Questions about Lydia Circle? Contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-675-2821, or Mary Brock, [mkb1998@comcast.net](mailto:mkb1998@comcast.net).

## In Memory

**Ed O'Meara** died on May 21, a date which also happened to be his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Recently, Ed had been living in a care facility in Spokane, closer to his family, as Louise stayed home in Coupeville. Please keep Louise in your prayers, along with their friends and family as they mourn his loss.



Ed & Louise

We offer prayers for our Lord's comforting presence with Sharon Erickson and family, following the death of her **Uncle Harley** on May 21.

*Ken Grigsby sent a note of thanks, following the death of his mom, Helen Dear Oak Harbor Lutheran,*

A note to thank you for our thoughtfulness and to let you know it really meant a lot. We have appreciated your cards and notes of love and support.  
God bless, Ken Grigsby

# His Kids Preschool

## A ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

 May was such a beautiful month! We started it with the letter **Y**, making yellow yo-yos as well as paper yaks out of our hand prints. We made gifts for our moms for Mother's Day, a picture magnet of their child in front of a map of the world, with the text *World's Greatest Mom*. The students also decorated paper bags to hold this great gift. And of course we couldn't forget about our dads and Father's Day, so we made a picture of each child climbing a ladder to the moon, with a note saying *I love you to the moon, Dad!*

We learned about flowers, fish, foxes and farm animals for the letter **F**. We made sunflowers out of our painted hand- and thumbprints. We even made a farm counting book, counting animals from 1 to 10. We learned about the letter **Z**, and about Noah's Ark, his floating zoo, and how God keeps his promises to us. One of the projects we completed was zebras with their zig-zag lines.



On the 19<sup>th</sup>, parents joined us at our final chapel of the school year with Pastor Jeff. As the parents watched, the children sang, prayed, heard a Bible story and received their certificates of completion for attending school this year.

 Ms. Debbie came to see us a lot this month! We saw what happens when you put Mentos into a bottle of Coke, and she explained what was going on. (It's kind of a messy experiment, but it sure was a great show for us, and it's a good thing we were outside in the parking lot!) She brought in ants for us to observe, as well as some sea life for us to see and touch. We also learned to take care of our oceans by throwing our trash into trash cans and not on the ground or in the water.

We continued to decorate Ms. Crystal's window-painted flower garden by adding our art-project dragonflies, butterflies and ants to it. It is such a fun thing to look at when you're in the classroom, especially with the vibrant colors and the 3-dimensional aspects of the added items. Something new catches your eye every time you look at it.

Our Pre-K class wrapped up their year with an annual all-day class. Students arrive at their normal 8:45 AM class time, but stay till 3 PM. This gives them an idea of what their kindergarten day may be like

for them next year. We had lunch prepared for them with little individual pizzas from Papa Murphy's.

We wrapped up the year with our annual family bowling party at the Oak Bowl and Mario's Pizza as well as our all-school picnic at Ft. Nugent Park. It felt great to end the year with these traditional events, and we are praying that this is a good indicator of how our fall will start with our monthly field trips and special presenters.

Please enjoy the answers our preschoolers gave to the question, **"What is your favorite zoo animas?"**

### AM class

**Ryan:** Hippos and otters

**Bradley:** Kangaroos

**Tristan:** Elephants

**Emma:** Sloths

**Chelsie:** Tigers

**Cillian:** Monkey

**Oliver:** Butterflies

**Amara:** Kangaroo

**Taysom:** Bears

**Leia:** Lions

**Kara:** Peacocks

**Juliett:** Kangaroos

### PM class

**Jaxon:** Rhino and otter

**Jaden:** Horses

**Roslyn:** Zebra

**Lizzy:** Monkey

**J.J.:** Rhino

**Olivia:** Elephant

**Henry:** Lion

**Keyara:** Snow owl

**Amelia:** Lion

**Matthew:** Zebra

**Lux:** Penguin and tiger

Thanks be to God for a great year!  
God's Peace,

Ms. Elva, Ms. Michelle and Ms. Sara

## In the community

### The Baby Bottle Boomerang comes around again

Oak Harbor's Pregnancy Care Clinic (PCC) is running their annual community-wide fundraiser, the **Baby Bottle Boomerang**. Those interested in donating to our local PCC may **pick up a PCC baby bottle in our narthex on or after June 1.**

Take it home, fill it with change, cash, and/or a check, and **return it to the church on (or by) Sunday, June 27** to enable us to deliver it to the PCC, or bring your contribution to their office yourself by Wednesday, June 30. They're located at 670 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor.



# Loving our neighbors

Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.  
Romans 12: 15(NIV)

## The Commemoration of the Nine who were slain at Mother Emanuel AME Church

On June 17, 2015, they were doing what we are called to do, as they engaged in Bible study at Mother Emanuel church in Charleston, South Carolina. It was Wednesday night. A stranger walked in, and these people lovingly welcomed him. They sang, they prayed, they gathered together to study the Word of God. In the shooting that followed, the stranger murdered nine people and injured three others.

Let us join with Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in remembering the slain Nine: **the Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Kibwe Diop Sanders, the Rev. Daniel Lee Simmons, the Rev. Myra Singleton Quarles Thompson, and the honorable state senator and senior pastor, the Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney.**



**Juneteenth** is a holiday that commemorates the end of legalized slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally received the good news on June 19, 1865.

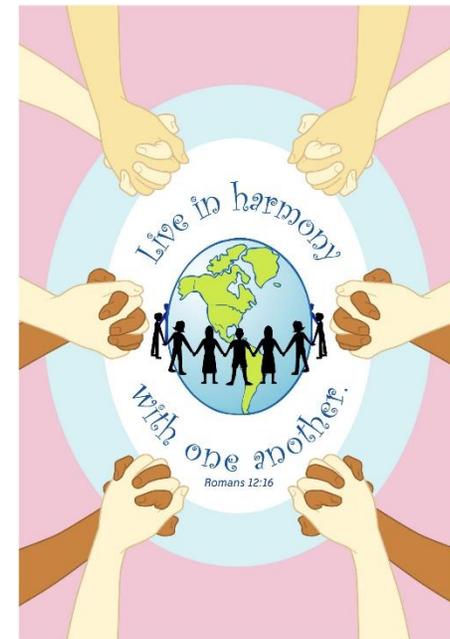


Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration, but these were still dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the United States Of America.

Let us then joyously celebrate with our sisters and brothers of African descent on June 19, 2021.

“Go out into the world in peace,  
have courage;  
hold onto what is good;  
return no one for evil;  
strengthen the faint hearted;  
support the weak,  
and help the suffering;  
honor all people;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power  
of the Holy Spirit.”  
(Adapted from Romans 12)

Gaye Rodriguey



## Worship notes

### COVID worship update (*note communion changes!*)

Due to recent changes in COVID guidelines, increasing vaccination rates, and decreasing COVID cases in Island County, the following updates have been made to our worship protocols:

- + 10:30 AM services are now back in the sanctuary.
- + You do not need to sign up in advance to attend worship.
- + Those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask at worship. Those who are not fully vaccinated are expected to continue to wear a mask to protect themselves and their unvaccinated neighbors.
- + Holy Communion will be served continuously from the altar with careful distribution protocols in place. No more pre-filled elements!

We will continue to update our protocols as conditions allow.

# Compassion Ministry



## Stephen Ministry is *your* ministry

 Oak Harbor Lutheran Church is a place of fellow-ship and community. Here 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 should act to all people, even the stranger.

Sometimes, however, we find that our compassionate circle of friends is not enough to help us through troubled times. Sometimes it takes more. Often, when we have suffered a failure, an accident, or the death of a loved one, we may find ourselves frustrated, isolated and depressed. Community gatherings become a burden, and we long for a gentler, more comforting interaction with people on a one-to-one basis.

When we are going through such difficult times, we are looking for a listening ear rather than a crowd of high-spirited friends. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide that listening, supportive, one-on-one relationship to help us through the hard times.

Stephen Ministry is especially a ministry that maintains confidentiality and a sensitivity to our spiritual nourishment. If you are going through a difficult time and feel a Stephen Minister might be of help, please contact Gaye Rodriguey or Pastor Spencer or Pastor Stroud through the church office, [office@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:office@oakharborlutheran.org), 360-679-1561.

**Stephen Ministers:** This month's meeting will be Thursday, June 10 at 4 PM. Zoom? In-person?? Gaye Rodriguey will let you know which!

## School Kids for Lutheran World Relief

**CAUTION: This item may need a trigger warning.**

If you're at all distressed by the mention of *[whispering]* school supplies, you may wish to take appropriate measures.

 Rudy Decker, OHLC's coordinator for school kits, would like us to start gathering supplies! We already have some items on hand (including what looks like a several-year supply of pencils), so let's start by gathering the following:

- ✓ **Spiral notebooks (70-page);** NO loose-leaf paper, please!
- ✓ **Pencil sharpeners (small)**
- ✓ **Ballpoint pens (blue or black ink);** NO gel pens, please!

Donations may be placed in the marked bin in the narthex, or drop them off at the church office.

Thank you! And now, get back to enjoying the summer!

# Get outside!



## Registration is open for Camp Lutherwood!

 We have a wonderful Lutheran Bible camp right in our own back yard, on the shores of beautiful Lake Samish in Bellingham. Camp Lutherwood is open again and currently taking registrations for summer campers!. Register online at [www.camlutherwood.org](http://www.camlutherwood.org). Through gifted funds from the OHLC Men's Group (The Brotherhood of St. Bernard) and other sources, we are able to offer a limited number of camp scholarships. Please contact Pastor Spencer if you are interested.

## Returning to nature as spiritual practice: Retreat on June 19

**WELCOME SUMMER**  
**WELCOME WILD**

**Saturday, June 19**  
**9 am - noon**  
(optional social time Friday 6:30-8 pm)

Nourish Spirit  
Experience Nature  
Honor Creation  
Restore Soul

1. Gather solo or with whomever you want. The morning will include both Zoom time and outdoor time in a setting of your choice.
2. Experience together, on Zoom, a time of renewal, prayer, and learning.
3. Off your computer, and into God's first cathedral - Creation! Venture into whatever nature space is near you.
4. Come back together on Zoom to share your experience and contemplate your intentions for your Summer Spiritual Practices.

**RETURNING TO NATURE**  
**AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

TO REGISTER OR TO LEARN MORE SEND AN EMAIL TO [PASTOR@7400WOODLAWN.ORG](mailto:PASTOR@7400WOODLAWN.ORG) OR CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE RETREAT PLANNING TEAM:

Emily Bumpous, Gaye Rodriguey, Anne Timlick,  
Pastor Cindy Myatt, Pastor Jane Prestbye, Pastor Cara Tanis

# Church family news

## Two Affirmations of Baptism on Pentecost!

We rejoice with **Connor Norman**, who completed the confirmation program and affirmed his baptism at the 8:00 AM service on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. We rejoice also with **Jeff Mack**, who has been undergoing adult catechesis with Pastor Spencer, and who affirmed his baptism that same Sunday at the 10:30 service.

We give thanks for the Spirit's work in their lives, leading them back to the font to say "yes" to God's gift of being joined to Christ Jesus through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and we pray for their continued growth in grace.

## Welcome to the world, Bram!

We were delighted to receive news of the birth of **Bram Hawkins, son of Kelly (Linder) & Lance Hawkins**, currently living in Germany. Former OHLC members (now living in Ohio) David & Le Linder are the proud grandparents.



## Ogrens move west of the Rockies again



**Lynne Ogren** has accepted a call to serve as pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church, Brush Prairie, in southwestern Washington. Ordained at OHLC in July 2015, Lynne has been serving her first pastorate at Zion Lutheran in Lewistown, Montana.

Her first Sunday with her new congregation will be June 27. Please keep her in your prayers, along with her husband, Eric, as they begin this new adventure, a move which also allows them to be closer to family (including the grandchildren!).

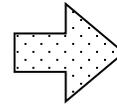
**Class of 2021:** Congratulations to **Katharine & Meredith Fritsch**, twin daughters of Rick & Melissa Fritsch, who moved to Alaska quite a few years ago (but still receive our newsletter!). Katherine will attend U. of Colorado, Boulder; Meredith will attend Boston U. Here's a photo of Melissa and the twins from our 2003 directory. . . . the girls' more recent photos are posted on our hallway bulletin board.



Melissa Fritsch,  
Meredith & Katherine

## Please take note!

Included in this newsletter are *Prayer Ventures & The Spirit* for June.



The next newsletter deadline is a little early; if you have items for the July issue, please send them to Martha in the office by **Thursday, June 17**. Thank you!

This month's featured font is **Elected Office**.

Drop caps are **SUNNY DAYS**

## Financial Report

April

	April	Year to date
Income	\$ 45,655	\$ 155,207
Outgo	<u>41,498</u>	<u>161,767</u>
	\$ <u>4,156</u>	\$ <u>(6,560)</u>

## Worship Attendance

May

Date	8:00 AM, in person	10:30 AM, in person & parking lot
May 2	34	60
May 9	27	60
May 16	36	62
May 23	43	61

## Lesser festivals & Commemorations

June

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Justin, martyr at Rome, c.165   | 21 Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, 1931   |
| 3 The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886;  | 24 The Nativity of John the Baptist   |
| John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963  | 25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melancthon, renewer of the Church, 1560 |
| 5 Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, 754           | 27 Cyril, bishop of Alexandria, theologian, 444   |
| 7 Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866                            | 28 Iraneus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202   |
| 9 Columba, 597; Aidan, 651, Bede, 735, renewers of the church                 | 29 Peter & Paul, Apostles   |
| 11 Barnabas, Apostle  |   |
| 14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385 |   |
| Gregory of Nazianus, Bishop of Constantinople, c. 389; Macrina,               |   |

# JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p><b>His Kids Preschool is on summer break!</b></p> <p>Classes are full for the 2021-22 school year, but there's room on the waiting lists. Contact the church office for info!</p>		<p>1</p> <p>5:30 AI Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:30 OHLC Staff</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 Deborah Circle, via Zoom</p> <p>6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 North Whidbey NA</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>In-person <b>worship</b>/livestreamed on Facebook 8:00</p> <p>In-person <b>worship</b> 10:30 <i>(Listen-in-your car option also available at 10:30)</i></p> <p>Worship video on YouTube</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 Lydia Circle Bible study 7:00 North Whidbey NA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard, via Zoom</p> <p>5:30 AI Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Coupeville Book Group, via Zoom</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:30 OHLC Staff</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Deborah Circle, via Zoom</p> <p>4:00 Stephen Ministry</p> <p>6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 North Whidbey NA</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Lutheran Marriage Encounter virtual weekend, June 11-13</p> </div> <p>9:00 Friday Night at the (OHLC) Movies</p>		
<p>13</p> <p>In-person <b>worship</b>/livestreamed on Facebook 8:00</p> <p>Semi-annual mtg. 9:30</p> <p>In-person <b>worship</b> 10:30 <i>(Listen-in-your car option also available at 10:30)</i></p> <p>Worship video on YouTube</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 Lydia Circle bazaar crafts 7:00 North Whidbey NA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 AI Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:30 OHLC Staff</p>	<p>17 <b>Newsletter deadline</b></p> <p>10:00 Deborah Circle, via Zoom</p> <p>6:00 Knitting Group 7:00 North Whidbey NA</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Summer retreat <b>Welcome Summer; Welcome Wild</b>, via Zoom, 9 AM to noon</p>	
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<p>27</p> <p>In-person <b>worship</b>/livestreamed on Facebook 8:00</p> <p>In-person <b>worship</b> 10:30 <i>(Listen-in-your car option also available at 10:30)</i></p> <p>Worship video on YouTube</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 Lydia Circle bazaar crafts 7:00 North Whidbey NA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 AI Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 OHLC Staff</p>	<p><b>In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">- John Steinbeck</p>			