

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



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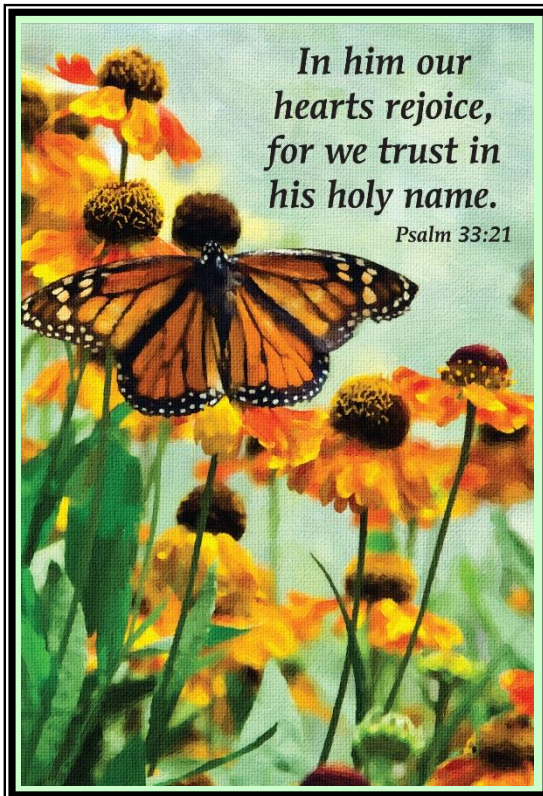
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The Northwest Washington Synod's insert, *The Spirit*:  
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## PASTOR'S PAGE: Rhubarb – A Parable

*“But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.”*

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

It's rhubarb season, and I'm here for it. Not everyone shares my affinity for those tart stalks that spring up in the summertime, but I love it. Rhubarb doesn't get much respect in culinary circles. You don't see fancy restaurants making a name for themselves on their rhubarb dishes. Famous chefs aren't known to feature much rhubarb in their repertoire. For some, rhubarb is little more than a weed. When I was serving my pastoral internship in North Dakota, I remember a gentleman from one of the churches I was serving there presenting me with a big bag of stalks. When I thanked him profusely, he brushed it off by saying, “Ah, it's nothing. It's just what grows up out back where I toss the dog-doo.”

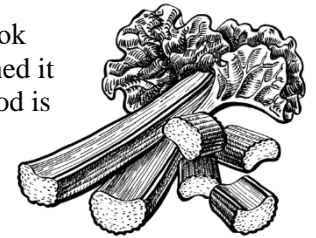
Free rhubarb seems to be a fringe benefit of being a Lutheran pastor, as I have been blessed with bounties of rhubarb from generous, thoughtful parishioners in every congregation I've served. This continues here at OHLC. I have a growing patch in my backyard which began as a start given to me by Dottie Krigbaum, and Anabelle Mitchell supplements our supply with regular harvests from her own garden. We use it all.

In one of my previous congregations there was a couple who hosted an annual rhubarb party. They invited people to bring their favorite rhubarb dishes to share. As the tables groaned with an incredible array of rhubarb desserts, we saw the wondrous versatility of celery's sour cousin. In addition to obvious contributions like rhubarb pie and rhubarb crisp, there was rhubarb upside-down cake, rhubarb custard, rhubarb spice cake, rhubarb streusel bread, chilled rhubarb sauce, rhubarb pudding, rhubarb cream bars, rhubarb brownies, even rhubarb tea. These many and varied rhubarb concoctions showed that with a little love and attention, a few lowly stalks of rhubarb can be made into something wonderful. All those delicious dishes illustrated how an often

disrespected, no account backyard bush can be transformed into something that melts in your mouth and puts a smile on your face. What is considered a weed to some was made to bring joy to many.

I believe this lowly vegetable (yes, technically rhubarb is a vegetable) can serve as a parable for what God has done for us in Christ. As Mary sang her Magnificat, she predicted that the child in her womb was coming to “lift up the lowly.” (Luke 1:52) As Jesus started his earthly ministry, he chose lowly fishermen, tax collectors, and sinners as his disciples. Jesus had high regard for women and children, who were often disrespected and dismissed as unimportant in the ancient world. As St. Paul spread the gospel across the Mediterranean, he passionately proclaimed how the cross – the lowliest place in all creation – was the place where God was at work to transform his relationship with sinners of every stripe. As cited in the verse referenced above, Paul preached a gospel wherein God chooses what is foolish and low and despised in the world in order to make himself known.

In Jesus' death and resurrection, God took what was lowly, despised, and rejected, and turned it into something magnificent. Through Christ, God is now doing the same thing for us. God takes us lowly, broken, sinful people, and transforms us in such a way that, through grace, we become something wonderful in his eyes. God takes us imperfect, sometimes sour human beings, sweetens us up through his love and attention, and sends us out into the world to share the gospel with others, bringing them joy.



It is time for us at OHLC to have our own rhubarb party. **And so on Sunday, September 4, which is the last Sunday of our summer worship schedule, I would like to invite you to bring a rhubarb dessert to share at our fellowship hour.** Don't cook? That's okay. I'm sure there will be plenty. Come enjoy the wonders of rhubarb with us.

Rhubarb is so much more than just what grows up out back. It is a parable of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Let's mark the end of the summer by celebrating it together.

+ Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

# PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

## Pastor Spencer on vacation

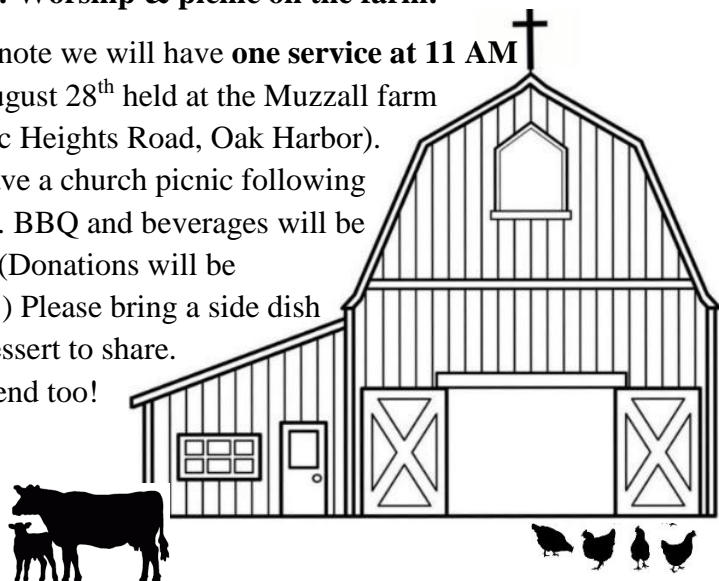
Pastor Spencer will be taking some time off in August. He will be on vacation from Tuesday, August 9, through Wednesday, August 24. If you have an emergency requiring immediate pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office. Our presiding ministers while the pastor is away include Pastor David Lura on August 14 and Pastor Larry Olsen on August 21.

## Confirmation retreat at Camp Lutherwood

Our confirmation students, along with Pastor Spencer, Mary Brock, and Angela Stone, will be at Lutherwood August 26-27 for an overnight retreat. They will enjoy the lake, play games, have Bible study, and do the ropes course. Please pray for safe travels and a meaningful time together!

## August 28: Worship & picnic on the farm!

Please note we will have **one service at 11 AM** on August 28<sup>th</sup> held at the Muzzall farm (938 Scenic Heights Road, Oak Harbor). We will have a church picnic following the service. BBQ and beverages will be provided. (Donations will be welcomed!) Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. Bring a friend too!



# GROWING & LEARNING

WITH BETH STEPHENS

## Sunday School resumes September 11

Another exciting program year of Christian education for all ages is about to begin!

**The first day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 11, starting at 9:15 AM.** 3- & 4-year-olds on up through high school students will kick off the new school year with a **God's Work, Our Hands** project to assemble School Kits for Lutheran World Relief (See the article on pg. 14 for more information on how you can help us with this project!)

**If you have questions about Sunday School or would like to volunteer as a teacher,** please make a note on a Connection Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Beth, [bethasteph@gmail.com](mailto:bethasteph@gmail.com), 619-729-3031.



## We're back, baby!

*Like Monday used to be, but now it's on Wednesday*

Munchy Monday came to a sudden and premature end in 2020, but we are going to be back with a new name and day! Starting this school year, join us Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 PM for **Welcome Wednesday**, our Oak Harbor High School outreach program!



We provide snacks, games, and a safe space for students between early release and when they need to be back on campus across the street for after-school activities.

We're looking for volunteers as shepherds for Wednesday afternoons as well as those who can provide donations of food. Contact Beth if you're interested in volunteering or have any questions.

**There will be a meeting for returning and prospective volunteers on Sunday, August 21** immediately after the worship service, to go over ideas for the new year and complete OHLC's Child Protection Policy Training. Alternative training times will be scheduled upon request.



## HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL

A MINISTRY OF OAK HARBOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

**H**appy summer! We do know, though, that fall isn't far over the horizon and that means the start of the 2022-2023 school year! **Spaces are still available in all our preschool classes for the fall.** Please keep that in mind, whether your own children or grand-children will be at least 3 years old and potty trained by that point or if a neighbor or friend happens to ask if you know about local preschool availability. Contact the church office if you have any questions!

As our students were nearing the end of the school year this past May, we asked them to complete the sentence, *"My favorite preschool memory was.."* Here are their answers:

<b>AM class</b>	<b>Alice D:</b> painting
<b>Lona:</b> playing with the toys	<b>Julianna:</b> painting on paper
<b>Alice G:</b> playing with friends	<b>James:</b> eating snacks
<b>Poppy:</b> going on field trips	<b>Violet:</b> playing outside
<b>Kinsley:</b> going on field trips, like to the farm	
<b>Victoria:</b> playing with friends, playing with toys, and playing with clay	
<b>Kamila:</b> going on field trips and picking flowers	
<b>Natalee:</b> playing with toys and reading books	
<b>Leslie:</b> playing with the magnet pattern blocks	
<b>Cecily:</b> making new friends and going to birthday parties	
<b>Lila:</b> when we planted the carrots and they became little plants	
<b>Claire:</b> playing outside and watching our rabbit Luke play with his ball	
<b>Chelsie:</b> when we had all-day school and made pizzas	

<b>PM class</b>	<b>Sophia:</b> doing crafts
<b>Aurora:</b> when people played with me	<b>Eddie:</b> playing outside
<b>Leah:</b> when we made pizzas	<b>Savannah:</b> eating snacks
<b>Keyara:</b> having circle time	<b>Camilla:</b> coloring
<b>Olivia:</b> playing with the magnets	<b>Jenna:</b> going to chapel
<b>Nate:</b> playing with the wood blocks	<b>Dean:</b> painting
<b>Wyatt:</b> going on a nature scavenger hunt	
<b>Katrina:</b> eating snacks and playing outside	
<b>Roslyn:</b> collecting stuff for our nature hunt	

God's peace

Ms. Elva, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Gaye, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Sara

## OHLC WOMEN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP

### Blanket Workshop

**B**lanket Workshop meets Tuesday & Wednesday, Aug. 2&3, at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). New volunteers are always welcome! Materials are supplied and no experience is necessary. Questions? Contact Leona McKee, 360-675-5712, [bcmac68@comcast.net](mailto:bcmac68@comcast.net).

Donations of fabric are welcome – please note we can use only *cotton or cotton blends*, and please make sure there are *no prints with patriotic or religious motifs*. *Thank you!*

### Woven Together in Love

#### Northwest Washington Synodical Women's Retreat

**S**ave the date! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Oct. 1**, and join your sisters in Christ for a **one-day retreat at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville**.

The theme is *Woven Together in Love*, referencing Romans 8:28a and Colossians 2:2. We will explore how God's love weaves us together in the daily struggles and challenges, in hope and healing for our families, our communities, our country and our world. As we look forward to this time together, you're encouraged to read one or both books, *God Speaks Your Love Language*, by Gary Chapmen, and *My Grandmother's Hands*, by Resmaa Menakem.

**Registration forms are available in the church office.** Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey at [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com).



### Circles in August

**Lydia Circle** continues to gather on **Mondays at 6:00 PM** in the education wing to work on items for the upcoming Holiday Bazaar. (November 5 will be here before you know it!)

**Deborah Circle** will meet in the fellowship hall at **10:00 AM on Thursday, Aug. 4**, to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

**I**s God calling you to become a Stephen Minister? In Stephen Ministry, members of our congregation are trained and equipped to meet once a week, one to one, with someone going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers provide a caring presence, a listening ear, and comforting words, supporting care receivers throughout their journey.

There are many reasons people become Stephen Ministers. Here are a few to think about as you prayerfully consider whether Stephen Ministry is the right place for you to serve:



### *As a Stephen Minister, you will...*

#### ♥ **Make a real difference in the lives of people who are hurting.**

Stephen Ministers walk alongside people going through life challenges like grief, divorce, a medical crisis, job loss, and more. They offer care, support, and encouragement, *connecting hurting people with Christ's healing love* during some of the hardest times in their lives.

#### ♥ **Help our congregation endure no one suffers alone.**

Caring for one another is a hallmark of the Christian faith. As a Stephen Minister, you will play a crucial role in *helping Oak Harbor Lutheran Church carry out that mission* so that, even if we can't take away their pain, those who are suffering know our church truly cares.

#### ♥ **Learn what to say and do – and what *not* to say and do – to care effectively for people who are suffering.**

Stephen Minister training teaches highly practical caregiving and relational skills that equip and empower you with *everything you need to effectively care for others*. In addition to preparing you for caring ministry, these skills can help you deepen and enhance relationships in all facets of our life – with family, friends, coworkers, and others.

#### ♥ **Join a worldwide tradition of caring ministry.**

Congregations all over the world use Stephen Ministry, and have trained hundreds of thousands of Stephen Ministers, who have gone on to care for millions of hurting people. It's this ongoing tradition of *“Christ caring for people through people”* that you'll join as a Stephen Minister.

#### ♥ **Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.**

*Galatians 6:2*

**G**aye Rodriguey and Gail Dobbryn were commissioned on July 10 as OHLC's Stephen Leaders. They received the following note from one of our congregation's former Stephen Leaders:

Gaye & Gail,

I'm so grateful that you've taken the role of Stephen Ministry Leaders and continue this beautiful, caring ministry under our loving God's guidance. I know the value of this ministry is immeasurable, the gift of caring hearts that dedicate themselves to listen and accept everyone without judgment. God bless you, the Stephen Ministers, and all your care receivers.

Jan McCullough, Des Moines, WA

## IN LOVING MEMORY

**W**e were saddened to receive the word that **Phyllis Rollag** died on July 17, not long after her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. A member of OHLC since 1957, she had been active in many areas of congregational life over the years. There will be a graveside service on Saturday, July 30, at 2:00 PM at Oak Harbor's Maple Leaf cemetery. Please keep her daughter, Candi Rollag Amarelo, in your prayers, along with the extended Rollag, Amarelo, and Royce families.



Our hearts also go out to others who have suffered the recent loss of loved ones...

**...to Sande Mulkey**, following the death of her husband, Don;

**...to Sara Harbaugh and family**, following the death of her mother, Bernean Franke;

**...to Judy Fantauzzi**, following the death of her aunt, Dolly Newkirk;

**...to Jay & Trudy Decker**, following the death of their brother-in-law, Daryl Helmerick.

OHLC's extended family has also suffered losses. We received word of the death of **retired pastor Tom Kidd's wife Brenda** on July 23. Tom is the son of longtime members/now in the Church Triumphant Viv & Brig Kidd.

**Isabelle (Izzy) Karsh** had been on our prayer list since last November; she was 7 years old when her cancer returned at that point and the prognosis was not good. We join her parents Katie & Matt Karsh, and grandparents Terry & Denise Karsh and (former OHLC members) Pat & Cheryl Dallen in mourning the death of this beloved child.

# COMPASSION MINISTRY

## August's ministry of the month:

### Nick & Shannon Kraft, Go Missions International



L to R: OHLC's Dick & Vollie Beyer, Patty Christopherson (World Mission Prayer League), Shannon & Nick with TJ & Maddy, Patty's daughter Rebecca, Kurt Keck (Kraft family friend), OHLC's Pastor Mark Houglim.

*From their July 2022 newsletter, Shannon writes:*

### Kraft family: 24 years of service

I don't know when or how it became 24 years? I blinked at the 10-year mark and here we are. I don't think I would have noticed, but someone asked and at first I said 20, but then I realized that Madison was two when we left the states and she is now 26.

Then we started to reminisce. I found a picture of our first year anniversary as missionaries to Peru. I remembered language learning and thinking only about furlough. After the first four years, we didn't ever want to leave. Then came Bolivia, and learning all over again. Who are we now in this place? Same language; different intonations and culture.

Seven years and a wink, and we landed here, with Go Missions and the dream of the Potter's House, now almost completely formed... at least the construction. We can take a stop on the road and rejoice. Yes, it's been 24 years

The kids are grown, my hair is gray, wrinkles are forming, making it impossible to deny that it's been a hard road... and yet full of reward.

A boy I met at the beginning of the road – now a man – called me up the other day. “Shannon,” he said, “I have a big faith and it's incredible. I want to share it with you.”

We called an old friend from Bible School the other night. He said, “God has been faithful in the past; will he not continue to be so in our future?” That blessed me. Times change, the economy changes, ministry focus changes, God does no change. He will see us on into the future.

### VIVE Women's Retreat

We spent a weekend with 17 women, teaching holistic healing, taking a look at our bodies, our emotions, and our spiritual life. Taking note of how those all work together. It was a blessing to prepare for their accommodations and make a tasty menu. We worshiped with them, exercised, and took a dive into difficult areas of life, like anger (a tricky one). So many times anger is a cover-up for sadness, fear, or rejection. When it was all over, a lady named Blanca said, “I came with a huge suitcase [of anger] but I'm not taking that home.”



**Go Missions Bolivia** recently helped celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of mission work among the indigenous Ibiato community. Go Missions was contacted in 2011 by someone who asked for a pastor and said, “Will you please visit our village? We used to walk with God but we've lost our way.” Now, people from Go Missions Bolivia are continuing to visit the villages behind the Devil's Tooth, a landmark peak near La Paz.

***Your contributions towards the Kraft family and Go Missions International are much appreciated! You may make your gift through OHLC; please designate it “Go Missions.”***



## **Needed: School supplies for Lutheran World Relief!**

**I**t's time to take advantage of back-to-school sales and restock OHLC's supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kits. OHLC strives to make 100 school kits annually. Worldwide, these kits have provided children with the educational tools they need to succeed. According to LW, many families in northern Iraq are unable to purchase school supplies for their children after years of conflict with ISIS. Recently, LWR has shipped 13,000 school kits to this war-torn region, providing kids the supplies they need and enabling students to return to the normalcy of a school routine.



**H**ow can you help? You can purchase items from the list below and/or donate money to help OHLC purchase the drawstring backpack bags and to pay for shipping costs. **These are the items we need:**

- **black or blue ballpoint pens** (NO gel pens)
- **crayons** (16 or 24 crayons per box)— we need at least 25 boxes
- **scissors** (children's blunt scissors)
- **30 cm METRIC rulers** (okay if also has inches)
- **70-sheet spiral-bound notebooks, 8 x 10.5"**, college or wide-ruled (*each kit gets 4 notebooks so we need a lot of these!*)

**N**ote this deadline! School Kits will be assembled by our Sunday School students on Sept. 11 as a service project for **God's work. Our hands.** Sunday.



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

Please place donations in the marked bin *School Kits* in the narthex by **Wednesday, Sept. 7**. Questions? Contact me at [kerritotten@hotmail.com](mailto:kerritotten@hotmail.com) or 360-632-0050. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Kerri Totten

## **Reaching out to refugees**

On Tuesday, July 26, nine of us met in the church library to discuss options for establishing an OHLC committee to help Afghan or Ukrainian refugees. Our group included Jeff Groton, who participated in the refugee response presentation at church on June 26 where he gave us an account of his escape from Ukraine after Russia's invasion.

We discussed doing more exploration of the Sponsor Circle idea and will invite the Trowbridges from Greenbank to come to a future meeting to share more information on how they implemented the project with the family from Afghanistan.

Various Ukrainian-related contacts in our area will also be considered.

If you'd like more information and/or would like to be included in our next meeting, please contact Rekann or Martha in the church office or make a note on a bulletin insert Connection Card.



## **Camp Lutherwood**

Plan to come celebrate 75+ years of outdoor ministry at Camp Lutherwood at their open house on **September 10**, 10 AM to 2 PM. Lots of food, fun, laughter and games! Camp Lutherwood is located at 1185 Roy Rd., Bellingham. Directions are available in the church office or visit their website, <https://www.camlutherwood.org/>.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

This is a reminder that we have an Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

The current value is approximately \$248,000; every year we distribute a percentage to fund projects within our church as well as outreach to the community and/or NW WA Synod and beyond. Last year we donated \$16,000.

Consider including the OHLC Endowment Fund in your will, for a specific amount or percentage of your estate. Gifts such as these help the fund to grow, which translates to OHLC's greater ability to contribute to areas in need. Helping others in this way continues your stewardship even beyond your own death.

If you have questions, contact Bob Wall, 310-991-7830.



# LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

WITH GAYE RODRIGUEY

*Excerpted from Café, an online magazine and podcast for and with young adult women who identify as Lutheran, or not.*



## Public Faith

by Collette Broady Grund  
(10/2/15)

**I** was raised to be concerned about the poor and disenfranchised. In the Broady family nightly devotional time, we often talked

and prayed about famine in Ethiopia, the demands on our local food pantry (started by my grandparents), and how giving our time and money might make a difference. It is clear from my earliest memory that being a person of faith meant caring for our neighbor, especially those struggling with basic needs.

When I went to college and began my social work classes, I learned to see those neighbors in the context of a socioeconomic system. My loving acts of charity would help for a moment, but would not fix the larger problems that had caused their need in the first place. The changes that would make a lasting difference were bigger: improving education, increasing opportunity, raising minimum wages and safety standards. Suddenly, my faith was political. And though it was uncomfortable (and still is!), I found that I wasn't alone.

There were Christians across the political spectrum who wrote and spoke convincingly about the way their faith drove their political opinions and actions. Some of them acted in radical ways that I found simultaneously frightening and convicting. Most importantly, I began to understand Jesus as political. His words and actions challenged the governing bodies of his day, in both religious and secular circles. He called out the powerful for their wrongs and proclaimed a way that would turn the system of his world on its head. He stood with the poor and marginalized, ignoring the criticism of the religious elite.

I began to realize that if this is the way, the example, the person I am called to follow, my faithful words and actions would have political ramifications too. Looking back over the years since awakening to the politics of faith, I can see several times when I knew that God's agenda

needed a voice, and God was choosing mine (much to my consternation).

In the midst of national turmoil that some are calling the new civil rights movement, my political faith looks like preaching about repentance for the sin of racism to a majority White and privileged congregation. It looks like organizing a prayer vigil in response to shootings. It looks like writing blog posts and this article. What it looks like for you, I cannot say. Each of us needs to find our publicly faithful voice because each is unique.

However, **there are two guiding questions I've learned to ask myself when deciding whether to speak out as a Christian.** They help me distinguish between action that is faith-based and actions that come from my own agenda.

**The first is: Do I sense a calling from God to speak or act in this way?** [At various times,] I had an overwhelming sense that I should act outside my comfort. I knew following that instinct would mean conflict, but the more I prayed, the more it felt like there was no other option. The call of God through the prompting of the spirit is not easily ignored.

Once I determined that God was calling me to action, **the second question I asked myself helped me figure out how to act.** I asked: Am I loving my neighbors the best I can as I speak and act even if they disagree with my words and deeds?

Asking this question kept my words and actions kind, even when they were challenging. Certainly, there have been times I haven't measured my public life against those two rubrics. Yes, I've spoken out of my own ego and frustration. You can imagine how that turned out!

For you, too, it may take some trial and error, and it will certainly take a lot of prayer and courage, but our faith is meant to be lived. It's meant to be seen. Jesus called us light for the world, like a city on a hill that cannot be hidden, shining like a beacon to all those looking for justice, for redemption, for grace.

**O God our way,** you sent Jesus to show us what a life lived in you can look like. Encourage us by his example, and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live a life that shows your love and mercy to those around us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*The Rev. Collette Broady Grund lives in Mankato, MN, with her husband, their 4 children and 2 dogs. She serves Bethlehem Lutheran Church (ELCA), and blogs at The Broady Bunch.*



## AUGUST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Have you been missing singing in a choir or ringing bells?**

OHLC's groups will be starting up again this fall.

Information will be available in the September newsletter!

**Included in this newsletter**

are *Prayer Ventures & The Spirit* for August.

**The deadline for articles**

for the September newsletter is Monday, August 22.

**Stephen Ministry**

will meet Thursday, August 11, at 4:00 PM via Zoom.

Contact Gaye Rodriguey for more information, [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com).

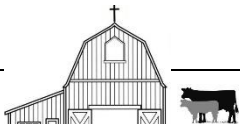
**The Brotherhood of St. Bernard,**

OHLC's men's lunch and Bible study group:

➡ **Tuesday, Aug. 9, 11:30 AM at El Cazador and  
Tuesday, Aug. 23, at noon in the fellowship hall.**

**Little Lutheran bags** in August: Colleen Pedlar

This month's decorative font is **IGHTFOOT**:  
drop caps are **LIGHTFOOT FLUTED**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
<b>August 7</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Kathy Holroyd <b>Comm. Assts.:</b> R. Cline; Stone family <b>Healing Prayer:</b> T. Piper, M. Stroud	<b>Computer:</b> Connor Norman <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Jan Ernst
<b>August 14</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Peg Fosnaugh <b>Comm. Assts.:</b> C. Amarello, G. Hawley	<b>Computer:</b> Donna Aspery <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud
<b>August 21</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Jeff Margraf <b>Comm. Assts.:</b> T. Tomlin, L. Johnson	<b>Computer:</b> Ted Smith <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>August 28</b> <i>Worship &amp; picnic on the farm!</i> 938 Scenic Hgts. Rd., Oak Harbor		
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Paul Senness <b>Comm. Assts.:</b> R. Carter, W. Wilson	

## FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE

	<i>June</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$ 26,364	\$ 228,393
Outgo	<u>29,831</u>	<u>227,426</u>
	\$ <u>(3,467)</u>	\$ <u>967</u>

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JULY

**Date 9:15 AM**

July 3 93

July 10 107

July 17 108

July 24 119

*July 31 will be included in next month's statistics*

Average Sunday attendance: 107

## LESSER FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS


AUGUST

8 Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), 1221	15 Mary, Mother of our Lord
10 Lawrence, deacon, martyr, 258	20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153
11 Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, 1253	24 Bartholomew, Apostle
13 Florence Nightengale, 1910, Clara Maas, 1901, renewers of society	28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430, Moses the Black, martyr, 405
14 Maximilian Kolbe, 1941, Kaj Munk, 1944, martyrs	



# AUGUST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  6:00 Lydia Circle/Bazaar 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	2 9:30 Blanket Workshop  5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 9:30 Blanket Workshop  11:30 OHLC Staff	4 10:00 Deborah Circle/ LWR project  7:00 NA, fellowship hall	5   9:00 Youth & Family Drive-in movie night	6
7 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <i>livestreamed on Facebook</i>  CA/library 7:30	8  3:00 WhidbeyHealth Grief Group  6:00 Lydia Circle/Bazaar 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	9 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 11:30 Brotherhood of St. Bernard, <i>meets</i> <i>at El Cazador</i> 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	10	11  4:00 Stephen Ministry Via Zoom  7:00 NA, fellowship hall	12	13
14 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <i>livestreamed on Facebook</i>  CA/library 7:30	15  3:00 WhidbeyHealth Grief Group  6:00 Lydia Circle/Bazaar 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	16  5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	17	18  7:00 NA, fellowship hall	19	20
21 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i>  CA/library 7:30	22 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  3:00 WhidbeyHealth Grief Group  6:00 Lydia Circle/Bazaar 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	23 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard  5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	24	25  7:00 NA, fellowship hall	26 <div>Confirmation Retreat at Camp Lutherwood</div>	27
28 <b>Worship/Picnic</b> <i>on the farm!</i> 11:00  CA/library 7:30	29  5:00 Brass rehearsal 6:00 Lydia Circle/Bazaar 6:00 North Whidbey NA/fellowship hall 7:00 Concert: Penn Cove Brass & Harbor Brass (sanctuary)	30  5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	31  11:30 OHLC Staff	<div>  <p>Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time. -John Lubbock</p> </div>		<b>HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL</b> Summer break!  <b>Registration for His Kids Preschool 2022-23</b> <b>is continuing.</b> Space is still available in all classes! For more information, contact the church office, 360-679-1561.