

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



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The ELCA's monthly *Prayer Ventures*:

<http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

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<https://dq5pwpq1q8ru0.cloudfront.net/2022/09/15/08/36/20/5eefe4b9-6a34-4148-846d-f81f7541de7b/OCTOBER%202022%20Spirit.pdf>

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www.oakharborlutheran.org

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PASTOR'S PAGE: The Water of Rebirth and Renewal

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:4-5

How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water.

Martin Luther, *The Small Catechism*

There is an autumn phenomenon here on Whidbey Island which I appreciate very much. After our typical late summer dry spell, when we often go weeks without much measurable rainfall and our vegetation becomes dry and brittle and lifeless, we have something of a second spring. Once the rains return, things green up again. Parched lawns perk up. Bushes drink in the moisture and become less brittle. Everything which had turned brown and lifeless is resuscitated by the gift of water, giving us some green amongst the oranges and yellows and reds of fall. This green then sticks around throughout the dormant months of winter, almost in defiance of our island's long dark nap.

There's a metaphor here. We sometimes have seasons in our lives which feel dry, lacking in hope, short on joy. There are seasons when we feel brittle, when we're emotionally or even physically fragile and any little thing threatens to break us. There are seasons when we feel lifeless, lacking in energy or motivation.

These seasons can come to entire communities, including congregations. We have been through just such a season. The pandemic was an immense drain on our energy. The patterns and practices which kept life moving along for us came to a halt. Our pool of volunteers mostly dried up. The Pew Foundation just released a post-pandemic study which showed that one-third of those who were regular worshippers in congregations have not come back. I don't want to paint an overly dreary picture of how we weathered the pandemic years, as I believe we did pretty well, but it did take a toll. The Pew study is consistent with our worship attendance numbers, and while things are certainly getting better, the patterns and practices which kept life moving along still aren't quite restored.

Parched seasons come to individuals too. While daily life has pretty much returned to normal, I think most people are emotionally spent and maybe still a bit fragile after all the stress of the pandemic. On top of this are the usual struggles of human life which periodically drain us: grief at the loss of loved ones, aging bodies and other health concerns, family problems, financial stress, cultural and political tensions, and, of course, the enduring stubbornness of our own sin.

When Martin Luther found himself dry and brittle and lifeless, he was known to shout out: "I am baptized!" He invoked the promises of God which rained down on him in Holy Baptism, which St. Paul describes as "the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." This was not water alone, "but the word of God in and with the water...along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water."

When we are spiritually parched, we too can shout out, "I am baptized!" When we pass by the baptismal font in our sanctuary, we can dip our fingers in the water and make the sign of the cross on our foreheads in remembrance of our baptism. (There's a reason it is front and center in our sanctuary!) In fact, as Martin Luther also said, every time we wash our face, indeed every time we encounter water, is a good time to remember our baptism! This is not a matter of remembering the specifics of that particular day (which is impossible for the many of us baptized as babies). It is about remembering the promises made to us. It is about bathing in the mercy and grace of God, who loves and forgives and renews us. It is about letting our hearts be watered with the word of God, which brings rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

It is a new season at OHLC. This fall we are experiencing a bit of a second spring. There are signs of things greening up again as long dormant ministries resume, patterns and practices are restored, and our congregational life is renewed.

As we remember our baptisms, we too, as individuals, experience a second spring. Or a third. Or a thousandth. You see, God's promises continue to rain down on us again and again to perk us up, to strengthen our brittle hearts, and to give us new life. God's promises are evergreen. As we enter the dark and rainy months, keep faith in the word God has given you. It is like water to our parched souls, greening us up in spite of the darkness.



+ Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

Fall adult education:

HEBREW5

Encouragement for Discouraged Christians

It isn't too late to join us for our study of Hebrews! We meet Sunday mornings in the church library from 9:15-10:15, with the same class being offered again on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. (Please note that Pastor Spencer will be out of town on October 2, and so there will be no class that week.) Here's what we have in store in October:

Oct. 2 & 5	NO CLASS
Oct. 9 & 12	<i>A Warning Against Apostasy</i> (5:11-6:20)
Oct. 16 & 19	<i>Jesus is the Superior High Priest, Part 2</i> (7:1-8:13)
Oct. 23 & 26	<i>Jesus is the Superior Sacrifice</i> (9:1-10:18)
Oct. 30 & Nov. 2	<i>The Call to Faith</i> (10:19-11:40)

Confirmation class meets October 9

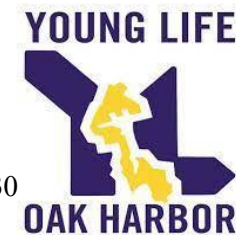
Confirmation class will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, October 9. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend with their student. Mark your calendars and be sure and complete sessions 1-3 in your workbooks before we gather!

October 23: Bible Basics for third graders

On Sunday, October 23, Pastor Spencer is offering his Bible Basics class for third graders. We will meet in the church library after the 10:30 service (at about 11:45). Pizza will be provided. Fourth graders who have not yet taken the class are welcome to attend as well. Those who take the class will be presented with their own Bible in a special ceremony during worship services on Reformation Sunday (October 30). RSVP by e-mailing Pastor Spencer at pastor@oakharborlutheran.org.

October 7: One more youth tailgate party

Hey OHLC Youth! Join us in the OHLC parking lot one last time this season for burgers, hot dogs, and drinks before the Wildcat home football game vs. Mount Vernon! We'll meet at 5:30 PM; the game starts at 7:00.



October 16: OHLC @ The Farm Stand, 2:00 PM!



Join us for this fall classic of fun and fellowship! The Farm Stand (K&R Farms on Highway 20 at Dugalla Bay) has something for everyone: pumpkins, a corn maze, hot cider, mini-donuts, ice cream, a new and very photogenic sunflower field, and more. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there! If you have one of the OHLC shirts or hoodies, be sure to wear it!

October 30: Youth & Family Night

Let's party like Marty!

It's Lutherfest! We're having a Reformation-themed Youth and Family Night on Sunday, October 30 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We'll have games, a fun treat, a printing-press craft, short video and a 95 Theses activity, temporary tattoos, and a time of learning and devotions with Pastor Jeff. Join us for an all-ages evening of faith and fun!



Cub Scouts at OHLC

Our OHLC-chartered Cub Scout Pack meets Tuesday nights at 6:30 in the education wing. Kids from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to come for games, learning, and fun projects. Parent volunteers are also needed! Cub Scouting is an excellent way to make friends, experience the outdoors, and learn to do your best no matter the outcome. Parents of elementary-aged kids, consider Cub Scouts!

Give to OHLC with your smartphone!



Did you know you can give through your smartphone by downloading a free app?

Just download “Tithe.ly” (the one with the green logo) from Google Play or Apple. When it is installed you will be prompted to set up an account. You can then search for Oak Harbor Lutheran Church.

Once you’re set up you can give one-time gifts with a few taps or set up recurring automatic gifts. *(Please note: If you already have automatic withdrawal tithes set up through Simply Giving, there is no need to change to Tithe.ly.)* An online giving link has been added to our website as well. All electronic gifts continue to be tax-deductible and will be recorded in your giving statements.

Daffodils, daffodils, daffodils!



This fall we will be planting a large number of daffodil bulbs in our parking lot medians. Prayerfully consider making a cash donation for a dozen or more bulbs. A daffodil bulb donation jar will be in the fellowship hall every Sunday for your gift. Just visualize the colorful results in early spring! - Tom Piper

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

The deadline for articles for the November newsletter is Thursday, October 20.

OHLC will host BloodWorks Northwest in our fellowship hall, Oct. 13, 20 & 21. Donations by appointment only; call 800-398-7888 or visit: <https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/GroupLanding.aspx?s=531B>.

CONGREGATION NEWS



*Grateful thanks to my OHLC family
for prayers, cards, and good wishes, during my
emergency hospitalization. God is good!
I am well, and blessed to have you in my life.
Trudy Decker*

In sympathy

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

... Tracey Tomlin and family, following the death of her brother, Danny Hart;

...David & Le Linder and family (former members, now living in Ohio), following the death of David’s sister, Hope.

Congratulations!

David & Le Linder also sent the joyful news about the recent arrival of their newest grandchild, **Elsye**, named for David’s mother, born to their daughter and son-in-law, Kelly & Lance Hawkins.



“What have Luther and Melancthon taught, save the Word of God? You have condemned them. You have not refuted them. Where do you read in the Bible that Christ, the apostles, and the prophets imprisoned, banished, burned, or murdered anyone?” —Argula von Grumbach (1492-1568), reformer and author

“In essentials, unity; in differences, liberty; in all things, charity.”

—Attributed to Philipp Melancthon (1497-1560),
reformer and theologian

IN THE LIBRARY: Open house on October 2

The OHLC library will be open for guests on Sunday, October 2, for an hour following each service. Bring your coffee from the fellowship hall and come and browse. We'll have cookies, too!

Fill out Borrower Information cards for yourself and your family members, and you'll be ready to check out books. If you have favorite Christian authors or books – or books you'd like to see us purchase – please let us know.

Library Committee members will be available to assist you and to answer questions. Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact Karen Pasewark, Colleen Pedlar, or Kathy Holroyd.



WOMEN OF THE REFORMATION

Although the names most often associated with the Reformation are male, women also played key roles in maintaining the integrity of the church. "Most were wives and mothers," professor Justin Holcomb writes. "Some were also authors, apologists, ex-nuns and queens. All were faithful servants of Jesus."

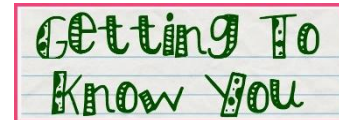
Women who made notable contributions include:

- **Katherine von Bora**, the former nun who married former-priest Martin Luther;
- **Argula von Grumbach**, a Bavarian noblewoman who published letters and debated with university faculty;
- **Olympia Fulvia Morata**, an Italian scholar who lectured on the teachings of Luther and Calvin — and was persecuted and imprisoned;
- **Jeanne d'Albret**, queen of Navarre and a leader in France's Huguenot movement, who tried to peacefully resolve tensions between Catholics and Protestants;
- **Marie Dentièrre**, an aristocrat who left an Augustinian monastery to speak in public — even on street corners! — about church reform.

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HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL A MINISTRY OF OAK HARBOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

So, suddenly it was September, and His Kids students were back in the classroom! Some of us had the famous Rodgers & Hammerstein song "Getting to Know You" from the musical *The King and I* going through our minds as we got to know our new friends, reviewed our classroom rules, and started things off with a discussion of colors and shapes.



Along with our focus on circles, squares, rectangles and triangles, we made stick puppets with poems that coordinated with each shape. We painted our hands blue, yellow, and red as we learned about primary colors. We made paper pictures of cacti (with broken spaghetti pieces as spines) for the letter **C** and hung them up in the classroom. Then we wrapped up the month with the letter **A** in honor of apple week, when we had an apple-tasting party and made applesauce. We also used circle shapes to make alligators and ants.

Our first field trip of the school year was to see our friends at the Oak Harbor Sno-Isle Library! The students filled out library card registration applications in advance, so each one had a library card waiting when we arrived, ready for them to check out their first book.

As we're getting to know each other, here are the children's responses of what they like so far about their first month in preschool:

Lona: I like our bunny, Luke

Samara: I like eating snacks

Selah: I like playing with the toys

Celia: I like to eat snacks

Dean: I like the cars

Leslie: I like the cars and the lacing

Cecily: I like to play and look out the window

Julianna: I like preschool and playing with the toys

Victoria: I like to hug my mom when she brings me to school

Asher: I like playing with the toys

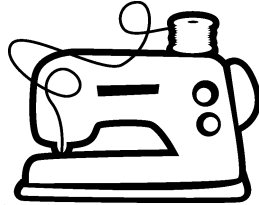
Julian: I like to play outside

BECAUSE OF ALL THE
BEAUTIFUL AND NEW
THINGS I'M
LEARNING ABOUT YOU
DAY BY DAY!

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

Blanket Workshop

Blanket Workshop meets Tuesday & Wednesday, October 4&5, beginning at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. *New volunteers are always welcome*, and you don't know have to know how to sew to participate. Materials are provided.



Are you interested in assembling quilt tops at home? Contact Leona McKee, 360-675-5712, bcmac68@comcast.net, or leave a message in the church office.

Circles in October

Lydia Circle continues to meet every Monday at 6:00 PM in the education wing to work on craft items for the upcoming bazaar (See the following page!). For more information, contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-675-3652.

Deborah Circle will meet each Thursday in October at 1:00 PM in the church library. Contact Gaye Rodriguey at gaye@tobysuds.com for more information. All are welcome!

Oct. 6: September/October 2022 *Gather* magazine "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith," Session 2, *Soil*, pg. 36

Oct. 13: September/October 2022 *Gather* magazine, Session 2, *Soil*, pg. 38

Oct. 20: September/October 2022 *Gather* magazine, Session 2, pg. 40

Oct. 27: September/October 2022 *Gather* magazine, "The Secret Life of Plants," pgs. 20-22



*Lydia Circle invites you to their
10th annual*

Christmas Bazaar



Saturday, November 5,

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Set-up begins Friday, Nov. 4, 4:30 PM

Handmade gifts, wonderful crafts, knitted items,
holiday décor, and more!

*Your donations of craft items and baked goods
are needed and much appreciated!*

Craft items may be brought in at any time.



Dear Members of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that when we suffer and are troubled, we find comfort through Christ (2 Cor. 1:4-6) – and one of the ways we find this comfort is through other caring Christians.

Our congregation has a group of people skilled in caring for those facing challenges in their lives. These people, called Stephen Ministers, have undergone extensive training to develop and nurture their caring skills. Following a commissioning service, they began their caring ministry in our congregation and community, working with people who are experiencing many different kinds of crises.

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or experiencing many other kinds of life challenges. They may be members of our church, or friends, neighbors, or co-workers without any church home.

Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing.

If you have questions about Stephen Ministry at OHLC, feel free to contact one of us. Consider whether you know of someone who needs their care, and offer to connect them to this ministry. And remember our Stephen Ministry in your prayers.


Shalom,

OHLC's Stephen Ministry Leaders:

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Gail Dobbyn
zayan.kanjo@gmail.com



 **October's ministry focus** is the wide-ranging work of **Lutheran World Relief**. Since 1945, Lutheran World Relief saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world, persisting until our love reaches every neighbor.

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, LWR tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. They work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and do not evangelize.

LWR's focus includes:

Rural economies and agricultural livelihoods: LWR partners with communities to create jobs and develop productive, inclusive and resilient economies rooted in agriculture.

Environment: LWR promotes sustainable farming practices so farmers and agribusinesses can improve productivity while conserving natural resources.

Humanitarian assistance: LWR responds to natural disasters and complex crises, helping people recover, rebuild, and reduce their vulnerabilities.

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church participates in a hands-on way – especially in the area of humanitarian assistance – as our Blanket Work-shop group meets monthly to sew quilts, following LWR's particular specifications. We have annual ingatherings of particular items for school kits and personal care kits (*September was school kit month at OHLC!*). Our boxes of blankets and kits are delivered twice a year to our regional ingathering site in the Ballard area, eventually going on to distribution in (at the most recent count) 39 countries around the world.

We'll have more information available about LWR during the month.

In the news: Corus International was launched on January 1, 2020, by international NGOs Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health as a parent organization of a family of for-profit and nonprofit faith-based subsidiaries addressing global health and development.



Update from SPiN Café

SPiN Café (*Serving People in Need*) serves people experiencing homelessness on Whidbey Island, as well as community members who might have a place to stay, but nowhere to call home.



Some guests live in stable housing and work, yet struggle to put food on the table and meet their family's nutritional needs. SPiN serves an average of 25-30 guests at each meal. In addition to meal services, SPiN provides access to laundry services, housing referrals, and information on local services and shelter.

Since opening their doors in 2012, SPiN Café strives to operate as independently as possible, depending primarily on the talents and gifts of their guests, volunteers, and local community organizations to drive program services and development. They firmly believe in the importance of collaborating with their fellow human service agencies and faith organizations to meet the diverse needs of our community while reducing the duplication of efforts.

Adapted from the SPiN website, <https://www.spincafeoh.org>

SPiN is currently serving meals at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 555 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor. **Volunteer help is needed** on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from about 3:30 to 5:30 PM. If you are interested in helping out, please contact SPiN's Executive Director, Michele Chapman, 360-929-0281. OHLC's own Peg Fosnaugh is a Tuesday volunteer, so talk to her if you'd like more information.

Use the SPiN bin in OHLC's narthex donation center! We're making an ongoing collection of such items as *travel-sized* toiletries, nail clippers, hair brushes, disposable body wipes and disinfectant wipes.

Do you feed wild birds or have other occasion to purchase heavy-duty, woven plastic feed bags? Local volunteers sew these into durable shopping bags and the sales (at local farmers markets) benefit SPiN. Shake out the remaining seed or feed, roll up the bags and put those in the SPiN bin (or leave with Martha Ellis in the church office).

Building Community, One Guest at a Time

SPiN Café is a gathering place, where all guests are welcome and find comfort in connecting with others.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

-WITH GAYE RODRIGUEZ

I'm always amazed at the number of times the Bible tells us to love our neighbors. Maybe not as many times as "Do not be afraid." (I've heard there are 356 Bible verses with that command) but enough times to emphasize the importance of this neighborly love. As humans we do fear that which is different from us instead of trusting God and God's creative diversity in the world we live in.

Here are some verses and thoughts that I've read over the past 3 months from the devotional *Christ in Our Home*:

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'" (Luke 16: 29) We must as Abraham says — in this story told by none other than Jesus! — listen to Moses and the prophets and heed their call to care for our neighbors. (9/25/22, Mary Simonson Clark)

"Can faith save you?" (James 2: 14) The faith that courageously trusts in God's promises can't help but clothe a sister or brother in need and give them something to eat. The faith that saves isn't empty words. It is put into action caring for neighbors out of love.

(7/6/22, Pastor Jennifer Obermueller)


"Wanting to justify himself, [a lawyer] asked Jesus: 'And who is my neighbor?'" (Luke 10: 29) The question isn't 'Who is my neighbor? Our neighbor — in whom is the very face of Jesus — is always before us, needing our help. The question is: 'Who are neighbors to those in need?' And the answer: 'The ones who show mercy.' Like the lawyer — and like Jesus — we are given just, merciful work to do. Let's go do it.

(7/10/22, Pastor Jennifer Obermueller)

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share." (1 Timothy 6: 18) God richly provides so we can generously share God's abundance. Psychologist Erik Erickson theorized that we successfully complete the midlife stage if we attain "generativity", caring for people besides ourselves." (9/24/22, Mary Simonson Clark)

The Bible is such a rich source and guide in caring for each other whether we are *near* or *far* neighbors.

Shalom, Gaye

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			
October 2			
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Paul Senness Communion Asst: Wendy Wilson Healing Prayer: T. Carey, G. Rodriguey	Computer: Donna Aspery Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst	
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Carol Wall Communion Asst: Bobbi Miller Healing Prayer: G. Hawley, C. Reafs	Computer: Bruce Holroyd Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst	
October 9			
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Peg Fosnaugh Communion Asst: Candi Amarelo	Computer: Lisa Margraf Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud	
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Carol Reafs Communion Asst: Rita Carter	Computer: Anders Spencer Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud	
October 16			
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Jeff Margraf Communion Asst: Tracey Tomlin	Computer: Sam Richards Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan	
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Bobbi Miller Communion Asst:	Computer: John Totten Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan	
October 23			
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Tom Carey Communion Asst: Stone family	Computer: Connor Norman Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst	
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Kathy Holroyd Communion Asst:	Computer: Kale Totten Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst	
October 30			
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Sheila Ryan Communion Asst: Peg Fosnaugh	Computer: Kelly Brock Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud	
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Jan Heideger Communion Asst: Gisela Hawley	Computer: Ted Smith Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst	

This month's decorative font is *AUTUMN NIGHTS*

LESSER FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

OCTOBER

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| 4 Francis of Assisi, renewer of the Church, 1226; Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, 1864 | 18 Luke, Evangelist |
| 6 William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536 | 23 James of Jerusalem, martyr |
| 7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, 1787 | 26 Philipp Nicolai, 1608; Johann Heermann, 1647; Paul Gerhardt, 1676; hymnwriters |
| 15 Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, 1582 | 28 Simon & Jude, Apostles |
| 17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, c. 115 | 31 Reformation Day |

FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST

	August	Year to date
Income	\$ 32,520	\$ 289,379
Outgo	<u>33,244</u>	<u>292,250</u>
	\$ (725)	\$ (2,871)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER

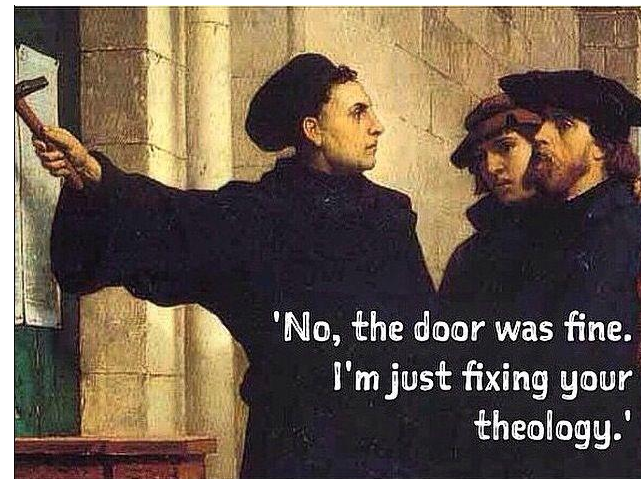
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Sept. 4	---	105	---
Sept. 11	46	---	68
Sept. 18	40	---	69
Sept. 25	34	---	69

Average Sunday attendance: 108



"[Luther's] ultimate message was that if one wanted to compare Christianity to a ship, then one must know that all Christians—whether monk or farmer, nun or housewife — were granted a place on board, and no one place was better than another. Moreover, a ride aboard this ship of grace came only by way of faith."

—David C. Mayes, professor



<div>OCTOBER</div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Library open house 9:15 Worship 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> Library open house 11:45 CA/library 7:30	3 6:00 Lydia Circle/bazaar workshop 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	4 9:30 Blanket Workshop 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 9:30 Blanket Workshop 11:30 OHLC Staff 12:30 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Choir rehearsal	6 1:00 Deborah Circle 5:00 <i>Jubilate Ringers</i> 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	7 5:30 OHLC parking lot: Young Life tailgate party/ 7:00 OHHS vs Mt. Vernon	1 Women's Synodical Retreat, Bethlehem Lutheran, Marysville 8
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