

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



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**The Northwest Washington Synod's insert, *The Spirit*:**

<https://dq5pwpq1q8ru0.cloudfront.net/2023/02/19/14/28/48/668c0fc5-38c8-4278-898f-256ae326fbc3/MARCH%202023%20Spirit.pdf>

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## PASTOR'S PAGE: The Apostolic Echo

[Jesus said] "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

*Matthew 28:19-20*

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

*Romans 10:9-10*

Jesus gave the apostles their mission. They were to go and make disciples – baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Christ commanded. Early Christian converts were indeed baptized in this Holy Name after having been taught various important details about the nature and work of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit during a period of intense spiritual formation in the days leading up to Easter. At dawn on Easter morning these new disciples, called *catechumens*, gathered around water – often a deep pool, preferably with a slight current. Nothing stagnant or brackish. Living water.

When they were ready, they waded in up to their waist and were asked a question: "Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?" When they replied, "I believe," they were plunged all the way down into the water. Once they reemerged, there was a second question: "Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was born of the Virgin Mary, crucified under Pontius Pilate, died and was buried, rose again on the third day, ascended into the heavens and sits at God's right hand?" "I believe!" came the response, and back down into the water they would go. Then came a third question: "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy church, and the resurrection of the body?" For a third time they would say "I believe!" and a third time they would briefly go under, to arise up out of the water this time as Christians. They would dry off, get dressed, and then be led into the assembly of believers, where they would participate in the Lord's Supper for the first time.

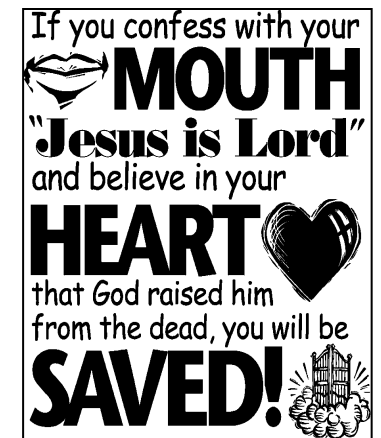
Here in this description of the baptism of adult converts in the early third-century we see the ancient roots of the Apostles' Creed. Rather than being crafted by a council like the Nicene Creed, the origin of the Apostles' Creed is found in the mists of the earliest baptism liturgies and instructional curriculum of the Christian church. A pious

old legend held that the twelve apostles each uttered one line of the creed, giving it its name, but this was merely a clever way to convey the fact that this creed is a faithful summary of what the original apostles taught, as commanded by Jesus and under the power of the Holy Spirit. Ever since these earliest days, the Apostles' Creed has served as both an educational resource for the church summarizing the key teachings of the Bible, as well as a liturgical opportunity to confess the Christian faith.

If you were to ask Christian worshippers in 2023 what their favorite part of the service is, I doubt anyone would say they love reciting the creed. It probably ranks pretty low, actually. I get that. Rote recitation can feel perfunctory, mechanical, meaningless. But it doesn't have to be this way. Just think about how many Christians have been confessing their faith with these words over the centuries. Just think of how beautifully these words describe the nature and work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Just think about the remarkable continuity we have with the apostles themselves as we recite these words which came out of the ancient ether of their early preaching and teaching.

I like to think of our reciting of the Apostles' Creed as the "apostolic echo." We join Christians across time and place, confessing with our mouths the great saving truths of who God is and what God has done for us. Our voices echo those of the past and carry this confession of faith into the future. This echo is anything but boring or meaningless. In fact, if you are intentional about thinking of the creed in this way, you just might find yourself with Spirit-induced goosebumps.

This Lent we will become like those early Christian catechumens. On both Sunday mornings in the adult class and on Wednesday evenings at our midweek services we will learn about the Apostles' Creed, refreshing ourselves in the basics of our Christian faith. My hope in unpacking these words is that when you say, "I believe," you will come to do so with goosebumps on your arms, knowing that you are participating in the great apostolic echo.



- Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

## THE SEASON OF LENT

### Midweek Lenten worship continues throughout March

Midweek Lenten services will be held on the Wednesdays in March at noon and 6:00 PM, followed immediately by simple meals of soup and bread. Sign-up sheets for bringing soup or bread and/or helping with set up and/or clean-up are available in the narthex beginning in the middle of February.

Our theme for our Lenten services this year will be:

## we believe

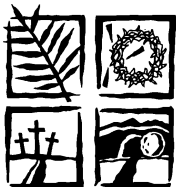
### *exploring the apostles creed*

March 1: God Created Us  
March 8: God Became One of Us  
March 15: God Saved Us  
March 22: God is With Us  
March 29: God Will Raise Us



This will also be our topic of study on Sunday mornings in Lent.

### Mark your calendar for Holy Week worship



Holy Week is the first week of April this year, so don't let the dates sneak up on you! Mark your calendars and join us for worship.

♦April 6: Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 PM

♦April 7: Good Friday services, Noon & 7:00 PM

### Sign up soon for Easter begonias

As has become our tradition, we will adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning with yellow begonias. We invite you to reserve one or more plants to the glory of God and – if you wish – in memory or in honor of loved ones.



Begonias will be ordered by the office through our local Greenhouse Florist & Nursery. Although donations may be in any amount, suggested donation is \$20 per plant. **Order forms will be inserted in the bulletins starting March 12 and available in the narthex; the deadline for orders is March 26.**

## CALENDAR NOTES

### OHLC welcomes the Rev. Daniel Rift, Director of ELCA World Hunger, Sunday, March 12

We are greatly blessed to be welcoming Pastor Daniel Rift, Director of ELCA World Hunger, to OHLC on Sunday, March 12. He will bring a greeting to both services, be available for conversation between services, and will give a presentation in the library after the 10:30 service (about 11:45 AM).

Pastor Rift is visiting western Washington from Chicago and has made OHLC one of the congregational stops on his itinerary! Plan on joining us as we welcome Pastor Rift and learn more about ELCA World Hunger, our Ministry of the Month for March.

Lunch will be provided for those attending the 11:45 presentation, and our coordinators would appreciate an idea of how many they'll be serving. If you plan to attend, please make a note on a Connection Card in your Sunday morning bulletin.

See the related article on page 7.

### Confirmation class meets March 12

Confirmation class will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, March 12. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend with their student. Mark your calendars and be sure and complete sessions 7-8 in your workbooks before we gather.

### Volunteers needed for Spring Clean-up Day. March 25

Our spring churchwide clean-up day will be Saturday, March 25, starting at 9:00 AM. There will be a sign-up poster in the narthex, indicating the particular areas that need work. Bring any tools you think you might need! Lunch is provided.



*Please note the Island County 4-H will be using the education wing for public presentations that day, so work projects will be located elsewhere in the building and grounds.*

Not available on the 25<sup>th</sup> but still want to help? Sign up for a job and do it during the week (*but remember to check the calendar first!*).

# His Kids preschool

## A MINISTRY OF OAK HARBOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



February's focus in the classroom was the five senses! We have the sense of **smell** – and our students created handprint flower pictures that they sprayed with a vanilla scent. These are proudly displayed in the classroom right when we walk in, so we can get a whiff of them when we come to school. For the sense of **hearing**, we made shakers out of plastic eggs and filled them with popcorn kernels. To illustrate the sense of **vision**, students made “telescopes” out of paper towel rolls. For the sense of **touch**, we created a texture garden with items that have different textures (rough, smooth, bumpy, and so on). And for the final sense, we had a **tasting** party! What a way to end the unit on the senses and how they enhance our lives.

Our letters for the month were Q, H, V, and L. One of our projects was gluing different fabric squares onto a piece of paper to make a quilt (that we can **touch**!)

Ms. Sara made a classroom visit to talk about dental health, and how important it is to floss and brush our teeth, and how our teeth help us form letters and pronounce words. The children were able to get a new toothbrush, dental floss and a timer to take home.



We decorated our classroom with large painted red or pink hearts, and hung them up in preparation for Valentine's Day, and we had our party on the 13<sup>th</sup> and exchanged cards and sweets. Our field trip was to Mad Batter Bakehouse in downtown Oak Harbor, a new bakery that offers cookies and more, and this was our treat to our children for Valentine's Day.

During the month, we talked about President's Day and learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We're also preparing the students for our upcoming unit discussion for the month of March, which is about weather! We're learning the saying “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb,” and the children have already made lions and lambs to decorate our classroom. (Time will only tell what the weather itself will do for us on Whidbey!)

Our special students for the month were: **Samara, Reid** and **Julian**. Please look at our bulletin board outside our classroom to see more about the students of His Kids!

Here's how some of our students finished the sentence, “*Love is...*”

**Dean:** Mom and Dad

**Asher:** Dad

**Steven:** My mom

**Andrew:** Playing

**Celia:** Mommy and Daddy and my cat

**Victoria:** Mom

**Julian:** My brother

**Reid:** Cats

**Olivia:** My family

**Lona:** My mom



**This month, we'll start registration for the 2023-24 school year!**

- March 1: Registration for returning His Kids families
- March 8: Registration for friends and family of OHLC
- March 15: Open registration for the community

**Big plans are in the works – we'll be going to a 5-day program for both the morning and afternoon classes**, and elements of Pre-K Readiness will be available for students who will enter kindergarten the following year. Monthly tuition for this 5-day program is \$290. Contact us if you have any questions!

Please spread the word about our preschool and help continue making His Kids Preschool a thriving ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church.

God's Peace!

Ms. Elva, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Gaye and Ms. Sara





## LIBRARY NOTES FROM COLLEEN, KAREN & KATHY

**W**e welcome you to our updated and refreshed church library! Our team is giving new energy to keeping the shelves neat, and ordering some new books to better serve our church family. We have books and other materials – including a few DVDs and books on CD – available to check out. You will notice that the books on display at the checkout table change with the seasons.

Spring  
INTO READING

Returning books is easy. Just place them in the box on your left, as you enter the library. You are always welcome to speak to any of us or just leave us a note, if you have a comment or a book request suggestion.

We are most grateful to Carol Reafs, who has created many unique, handmade bookmarks. Please feel free to take one.

Whether it's heartwarming fiction or our many categories of non-fiction, we invite you to come on down and check us out!

Happy Reading!

Colleen Pedlar, Kathy Holroyd, Karen Pasewark

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

**The deadline for articles** for the April newsletter  
is Wednesday, March 21.

**OHLC's men's group, *The Brotherhood of St. Bernard***  
meets for fellowship, lunch & Bible study at noon on  
Tuesdays, March 14 & 28.

**Bloodworks Northwest will use the fellowship hall**  
on Thursdays & Fridays, March 9, 10, 16 & 17.  
Blood donation is by appointment only.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

We join the family and many friends of **Don Fosso** in mourning his passing on Feb. 15 in Fernandina Beach, Florida, following a brief illness, and just a few days short of his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Born in Ketchikan, Alaska, Don moved to Anacortes at age 5 when his father, Pastor Oluf Fosso, accepted a call to serve in Anacortes. Eventually, that call grew to include Oak Harbor Lutheran Church as well, giving Don very deep roots in our congregation.



He was a teacher for 30 years in the Oak Harbor School District and then worked for another 25 years as a property inspector for Island Title. His first wife, Barbara, was an organist at OHLC for many years, until cancer cut her life short in 1998. His second wife, Peggy, a former classmate found again at a reunion, also helped with our music program until her death in 2017.

Don kept the same home in Oak Harbor until a move to the Anacortes area in 2020; then he joined his youngest son, Dan, and his daughter-in-law, Yuli, in a move to Florida last spring. All that time and for all those miles, he kept his same telephone number. What once reached NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Oak Harbor eventually connected with Hoxie Lane, Anacortes, and then Belvoir Court, Fernandina Beach, Florida. Unfortunately, it won't literally connect us now with his voice in Heaven. Dan & Yuli's address is available in the church office.

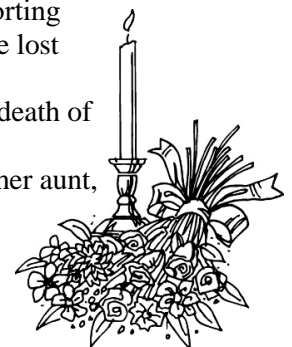
Services will be held at Prince of Peace in Fernandina Beach, but a memorial service will be scheduled at OHLC at a later date. His ashes will rest at Maple Leaf cemetery next to Barb and some will be spread on the Pacific Ocean near Peggy's.

We also offer prayers for our Lord's comforting presence with others in our church family who have lost loved ones recently, including...

...**John & Bobbi Miller** and family, following the death of youngest son, **Nick Miller**;

...**Peg Fosnaugh** and family, following the loss of her aunt, **Mabel Schroeder**;

...**Martha Ellis** and family, following the death of her cousin, **Jim Tietjen**.



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## Ohlc WOMEN

opportunities for fellowship, study & service

### Blanket Workshop

**Blanket Workshop meets Tuesday & Wednesday, March 7&8**, beginning at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Wednesday will be a quick turn-around, since there's a midweek Lenten worship service at noon, followed by soup and bread in the fellowship hall at 12:30, *and* the Welcome Wednesday kitchen crew will be coming in at 1:00 PM!

### Bible study

OHLC's women's circles meet regularly for Bible study, fellowship, and occasional service projects. For more information, contact the church office!

**Deborah Circle meets every Thursday in March**, 1:00-3:00 PM in the library. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey, [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com).

**Lydia Circle meets Mondays, March 6&20** at 6:00 PM in the prayer room. Questions? Contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-929-9127.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA

September 21-24, 2023      Phoenix, Arizona  
Theme: *Just Love*



You're invited to gather with women from across our nation and beyond to hear stories of faith, be energized with worship, music, Bible studies, and fellowship. Lodging and registration details will be posted on the WELCA.org website soon. You'll be responsible for your own flight and lodging arrangements. Contact Janice Stepp if you're interested in attending or for more information, 425-210-2733, [wmpjms@gmail.com](mailto:wmpjms@gmail.com).

*The Echo* is the newsletter of the Northwest Washington Synodical Women's Organization. A copy of the February issue is posted on the narthex bulletin board. OHLC's own Gaye Rodriguey is current treasurer of the NWWA SWO.

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## Fellowship

### OHLC celebrates *Pi(e) Day* on March 19!

**J**oin us after our 10:30 AM service on Sunday, March 19, as we celebrate Pi(e) Day! What's that? Pi is a mathematical term which refers to the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter: 3.1415.

When March 14 comes around each year, (3/14), people use it as an excuse to eat pie.

Due to scheduling challenges, we'll be celebrating it a little late this year, on the 19<sup>th</sup>, but as we do so we'll be giving thanks to God our Creator, who brought into existence both pi and pie.

Pie bakers are encouraged to sign up via the Connection Card to bring pie; we'll also need some help with serving and clean up. Is there a particular variety of pie that you hope someone will bring? There's room on the Connection Card for that note as well.

All are welcome to join us. Thanks to Rita Cline for keeping this quirky OHLC tradition going!

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## IN APPRECIATION

Dear Oak Harbor Lutheran,

I would like to thank you for consenting to the use of your kitchen on Friday, January 27, 2023. Being able to use your kitchen facilities was invaluable to our Lodge in the preparation of our annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. We were able to complete the portion of our meal that needed to be prepared ahead.

I hope everything was left in a clean and satisfactory condition. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Brian Petersen, Chairman  
Lutefisk Dinner Committee  
Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge



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## COMPASSION MINISTRY

### Ministry of the Month: ELCA's World Hunger Appeal *Creatively and courageously working toward a just world where all are fed*

Come learn the latest on what our ELCA World Hunger program is doing in the world! *Working with and through ELCA congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.* [Quoted from the ELCA World Hunger website, <https://www.elca.org/hunger>]

As you saw in the article on pg. 3, Rev. Daniel Rift, director of the World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, will be with us Sunday, Mar. 12. He'll bring a short greeting during both worship services and will be on hand after the 10:30 AM service to give us an update. If you plan to attend the presentation, please make a note on a Connection Card and say how many will be in your party to help us plan the lunch.

During March you're invited to support ELCA World Hunger by making a donation, above your normal contribution to OHLC, payable to OHLC with **ELCA World Hunger** in the memo line. Donations received during our Lenten soup meals will also be directed to this appeal.

Bob & Carol Wall

**Help House Note:** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offered a temporary boost in benefits during the pandemic but that is ending. Help House anticipates a rise in requests for food. We encourage you to continue your donations to the narthex Help House bin! Particular monthly needs are noted in the bulletin info sheet.

Judy Fantauzzi

### Stephen Ministry news

Stephen Ministry meets **Thursday, March 2** at 4 PM in the library. Note the date change from the usual schedule! Please read and be ready to discuss Module 4, "Distinctively Christian Care-giving", Part 2, and Chapters 3-7 in *Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life*.

**Leslie Improta, Jan Heideger** and **Donna Meyers** are beginning Stephen Ministry training. Please keep them in your prayers.  
Gaye Rodriguez, Stephen Leader

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP



There are many details that go into preparation for worship services. When the parts fit together, we're less apt to be distracted by glitches and can keep our focus on God, where it belongs. Can you help us keep some of these parts running smoothly?

### Assisting Ministers & Communion Assistants

*Assisting Ministers* read the scriptures and parts of the service and help serve communion. *Communion Assistants* participate during communion, holding the tray to collect empty glasses. **Rekann Brannon schedules volunteers for these two important tasks and she would very much like to receive names of some new (or returning) volunteers, especially for 8:00 AM services.** Training is provided! If you're interested, please make a note on a Sunday morning Connection Card or contact Rekann in the church office, 360-679-1561, [office@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:office@oakharborlutheran.org).

### Chancel flowers

Fresh flowers, whether a large arrangement placed on the wall shelf in the chancel or a smaller bouquet on the organ, enhance the worship space and bring a touch of God's creation indoors. Flowers for worship services are ordered through Oak Harbor's Greenhouse Nursery & Florist. They are given to the Glory of God, and often with an added designation in celebration or in memory of a person or an event.

**Peg Fosnaugh reminds us to sign up on the flower chart** in the hallway outside Pastor Spencer's door. She will contact you regarding the details (color and type of flowers, for instance, as well as wording for the bulletin). These bouquets should last a week. If at any time you are dissatisfied with your particular arrangement, you can bring it back to The Greenhouse on Monday and Audrey will happily refresh it for you. For any other flower questions or concerns, **contact Peg, 360-675-2821, [davidf@peoplepc.com](mailto:davidf@peoplepc.com).**

### Little Lutheran Bags

Activity bags for young worshipers are available in the narthex. Please return used bags to the marked basket so they can be restocked for the following week. Our thanks to Sheila Ryan & Donna Aspery, who had Little Lutheran Bag duty in January & February. Volunteers are needed for the months of July through December. **Contact Peg Fosnaugh if you'd like to help**, or make a note on a Connection Card.



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## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

- WITH GAYE RODRIGUEY

There are some good words for us as we enter the Lenten season, reminding us that as Jesus reached out to all, we can reach out to each other in love. These are the lyrics of *We Will Go Out in Love!* A Sending-out Worship Song, by Amanda Udis-Kessler, © 2023.

*\*[Refrain]*

We will go out in love!  
We will go out and bring love to the world!  
We will go out in love!  
We will live God's love!

Here we know we have been welcomed.  
We are loved for who we are.  
Here we have found room at the table,  
food for the journey, kindred hearts.  
All are invited. All are accepted.  
There is a place for every soul.  
As we are loved, we love others.  
This is the way our lives are made whole.\*

Here we know we can be honest, doubting even as we learn.  
Here we have found wisdom evolving, chances to grow at every turn.  
Sharing our knowledge, asking our questions,  
seeking the truth that makes us free.  
As we are taught, we teach others.  
This is the way we come to believe.\*

Here we know holiness meets us.  
Mystery inspires our days.  
We are amazed, joyous and grateful, waiting in silence, singing praise,  
following Jesus, deepening wonders,  
harvesting faith from seeds we've sown.  
As we are blessed, we bless others.  
This is the way the sacred is known.\*

Here we know we are empowered, building up a world of care,  
agents of change working for justice, practicing peace in hope and prayer,  
Filled with compassion, called into action, striving to end the pain and fear.  
As we are healed, we heal others. This is the way the kin-dom appears.\*

We will go out in love!  
We will go out and bring love to the world!  
We will go out in love.  
We will live God's love.

Written for *The Fountains*, a UMC congregation in Arizona.  
Available on YouTube, [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

Shalom, Gaye

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## Youth & Family Ministry

- WITH BETH STEPHENS

### Aftermath of the “snowfall”

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Indoor Snowball Fight was held Sunday, Feb 19. Congratulations to all our competitors, our winning team, the voted MVP, and to those sneaky individuals who added to the chaos from the sidelines. Fun, fellowship, and pizza were enjoyed by all. Our “snowballs” – hand-crafted from trimmings from Blanket Workshop quilt batting – have gone back to storage. They’ll be back next winter, and the Snowglobe Award will once again be up for grabs!



The winning team (and the Snowglobe Award):  
Logan Stone, Sam Richards, Dylan Totten, Kale  
Totten, Lucas Stone



The MVP: Dylan Totten



*Photos by Beth Stephens*



Worship Assistants		
<b>March 5</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Sheila Ryan <b>Communion Asst:</b> Wendy Wilson <b>Healing Prayer:</b> G. Rodriguey, M. Nowicki	<b>Computer:</b> Sam Richards <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Moira Bartrand <b>Communion Asst:</b> <b>Healing Prayer:</b> T. Piper, G. Hawley	<b>Computer:</b> Ted Smith <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud
<b>March 12</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Paul Senness <b>Communion Asst:</b> Mary Brock	<b>Computer:</b> Norman family <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Carol Reafs <b>Communion Asst:</b> Rita Cline	<b>Computer:</b> Kale Totten <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>March 19</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Jeff Margraf <b>Communion Asst:</b> Tracey Tomlin	<b>Computer:</b> Lisa Margraf <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Carol Fitzgerald <b>Communion Asst:</b>	<b>Computer:</b> John Totten <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud
<b>March 26</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Tom Piper <b>Communion Asst:</b>	<b>Computer:</b> Maddox Ackerman <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Leslie Improta <b>Communion Asst:</b>	<b>Computer:</b> Bruce Holroyd <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan



**FREE TO A GOOD HOME:** 1904 upright piano (“with lots of decorative carving”) that belonged to Ken Grigsby’s mom. You’ll need to make your own arrangements to pick it up. Contact Ken for info, [island66@comcast.net](mailto:island66@comcast.net), 360-675-4682.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY

	January	Year to date
Income	\$ 32,479	\$ 32,479
Outgo	<u>35,960</u>	<u>35,960</u>
	\$ <u>(3,481)</u>	\$ <u>(3,481)</u>

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Jan. 29	58	87
Feb. 5	47	84
Feb. 12	49	88
Feb. 19	55	81
<b>Avg. Att.</b>	52	85

Ash Wednesday worship, Feb. 22: Noon- 56; 7 PM, 40

*February 26 will be included in next month's statistics.*

Average Sunday attendance: 137

## LESSER FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS


MARCH

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| 1 George Herbert, hymnwriter, 1633                                  | 22 Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, 1758 |
| 2 John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788, renewers of the Church   | 24 Oscar Romero, bishop of El Salvador, martyr, 1980               |
| 7 Perpetua, Felicity, and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 202      | 25 The Annunciation of our Lord                                    |
| 10 Harriet Tubman, 1913; Sojourner Truth, 1883, renewers of society | 29 Hans Nielsen Hauge, re-newer of the church, 1824                |
| 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604                           | 31 John Donne, poet, 1631  |
| 17 Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, 461                      |  |
| 19 Joseph, guardian of our Lord                                     |  |
| 21 Thomas Cranmer, bishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1556               |  |

**Little Lutheran bags in March:** Trudy Decker

**This month's decorative font is SOLEMNITY;**  
drop caps are **Uingthings Reltica**.

# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>it's STILL WINTER... BUT SPRING IS NEAR. it's LENT... BUT WE'RE POINTED TOWARD EASTER. keep us hopeful, LORD.</p>			<p>1 12:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 12:30 Soup &amp; bread 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 6:30 Soup &amp; bread</p>	<p>2 1:00 Deborah Circle 6:00 Grief Support Group 7:00 NA</p>	<p>3 3:00 QUEST CLUB</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 <b>2 Lent</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i>  CA 7:30</p>	<p>6 6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library</p>	<p>7 9:30 Blanket Workshop  5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8 9:30 Blanket Workshop  12:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 12:30 Soup &amp; bread 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 6:30 Soup &amp; bread</p>	<p>9 Bloodworks NW, fellowship hall, 10 AM-4 PM  1:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Grief Support Group 7:00 Council 7:00 NA</p>	<p>10 Bloodworks NW, fellowship hall, 10 AM-4 PM  1:00 Library Team</p>	<p>11  <i><b>Daylight Savings starts tonight; move clocks 1 hour ahead</b></i></p>
<p>12 <b>3 Lent</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> ELCA Hunger Appeal presentation 12:00 Confirmation 6:00 CA 7:30</p>	<p>13 6:30 Refugee Team 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library</p>	<p>14 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard  5:30 SPiN Board 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15 12:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 12:30 Soup &amp; bread 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 6:30 Soup &amp; bread</p>	<p>16 Bloodworks NW, fellowship hall, 10 AM-4 PM  1:00 Deborah Circle 6:00 Grief Support Group 6:00 Compassion Team 7:00 NA</p>	<p>17 Bloodworks NW, fellowship hall, 9 AM-3 PM  3:00 Music Artistry Program, to 7 PM 3:00 QUEST CLUB</p>	<p>18 9:00 Music Artistry Program, to 5 PM</p>
<p>19 <b>4 Lent</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> Pi(e) Day pie 11:45 CA 7:30</p>	<p>20 6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 Brass concert 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library</p>	<p>21 12:30 W.I.G.S  5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 12:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 12:30 Soup &amp; bread 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 6:30 Soup &amp; bread</p>	<p>23 1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8:00 Island County 4-H public presentations, ed. wing to 2 PM 9:00 Church spring clean-up, to 2 PM</p>
<p>26 <b>5 Lent</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i>  Youth &amp; Family Night 6:00 CA 7:30</p>	<p>27 6:00 North Whidbey NA/fellowship hall 6:30 Refugee Team</p>	<p>28 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard  5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29 12:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 12:30 Soup &amp; bread 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 <b>Midweek Worship</b> 6:30 Soup &amp; bread</p>	<p>30 1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><b>HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL</b> M,T,W 8:45-11:45 AM <b>Registration begins for 2023-24!</b> 3/1: continuing students &amp; siblings 3/8: OHLC members/friends 3/15: open registration</p>