

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



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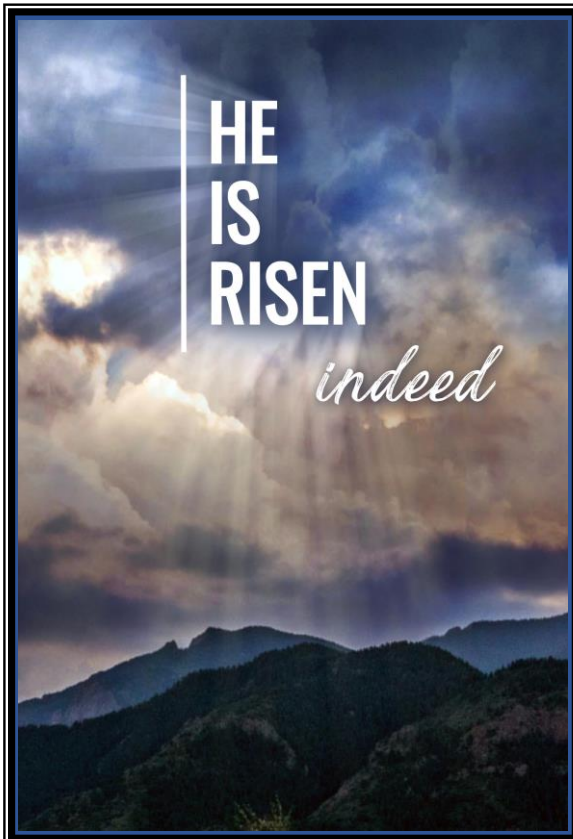
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The ELCA's monthly *Prayer Ventures*:
<http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

The Northwest Washington Synod's insert, *The Spirit*:
<https://dq5pwpq1q8ru0.cloudfront.net/2023/03/16/07/58/17/3da8a2aa-7053-4ef5-9de1-213ce5d35700/APRIL%202023%20Spirit.pdf>

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PASTOR'S PAGE: Letter from the Roof

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22



Hi. This is a letter from the roof. I don't mean that your pastor is writing this while on the roof. This is actually me, the roof, writing! Amazing, isn't it? I wanted to thank you for the good scrub job you gave me recently. I know it wasn't cheap, but man did I need it. Lichen is not only damaging, it is also super itchy. So, thanks. I should be good for a long while now. I also wanted to share with you a few things I have observed from my perch atop the walls of God's house. Some really wonderful things happen under me, and I'm not sure you realize the extent of it.

The sanctuary, of course, is the heart of the place. What a joy it is for me to vibrate with the sound of your singing. It was only three years ago that I was so lonely. The sanctuary was mostly empty for months. Some of you weren't back inside for years. I could see many of you in the parking lot, but it wasn't the same. How wonderful it is now to have the pews filling back up again, hearing your voices, your prayers, your singing rising up to tickle my ribs. Aren't you so excited for Easter? Let's raise the roof on this place! Thankfully that's just an expression.

The sanctuary is certainly the heart of the place, but important things happen in the rest of the building too. I delight in hearing kids giggling in the education wing. I know there aren't as many as there have been in the past, but you haven't let up on the important work of teaching the Christian faith to your young ones. Keep it up. Don't get discouraged. What you are doing down there matters. Numbers aren't everything, but adults have been showing up in impressive numbers recently in the church library for adult education. You guys really go deep, keeping that pastor of yours on his toes! By the way, the church library looks great. Kudos to those who have spiffed it up recently.

Of course, you church members aren't the only ones who use those spaces. When most of you aren't here, other groups come in, groups who need places to gather. People who are grieving have been meeting together in the prayer room, finding healing and hope. You have three different addiction recovery groups meeting here throughout the week, each meeting different kinds of needs. You should hear their stories. You should see the way they support one another's sobriety. Lives are changed, even saved, in these groups. You also have a group of ladies who make lovely cards which they not only make available to you but send out each month to people who need a word of encouragement. You have another group which is working to help Ukrainian refugees. Incredible things happen in this building, things that make God's love known!

I haven't even mentioned the fellowship hall. It is a joy to see you drinking coffee and visiting on Sundays. I love the smell of soup rising up during Lent. And how about Pie Day? Wow. It is great to see the relationships that are formed and nurtured in this space, where people are filled not only with food, but fellowship. But here again, you also welcome people from outside the church into that space. The teenagers are back this year! I love seeing them come over from the high school on Wednesdays for snacks and a welcoming environment. Many of these kids don't know anything about church, and your hospitality is tilling the soil in their hearts for seeds to be planted. Recently you've begun hosting blood drives in that space too. Do you know how important this is? Do you realize what a blessing you are providing to the wider community? Lives are literally being saved because people are willingly shedding their blood for others. What a beautiful echo of what happens in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

It might seem weird to get a letter from the roof, but I wanted to help you see a few things from my perspective up here. I know that ministry doesn't only happen under me in your building, but lots of wonderful things do happen here. Your giving to the church helps that happen. The recent cleaning is so appreciated and helps ensure that these important ministries continue.

I love how the cross gleams once again after having had the lichen cleaned off of it. I'll keep lifting the cross up here, showing the love of God in Christ. You keep doing the same down there.

In Christ's Service, The Roof



HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT OHL

APRIL 6, 7:00 PM: Maundy Thursday worship



We will commemorate Jesus' last night with his disciples and the institution of the Lord's Supper with a special evening service including Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

APRIL 7, Noon & 7:00 PM: Good Friday worship



Good Friday services will be held at 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM. This powerful service includes the reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus punctuated by song and the progressive extinguishing of candles. Easter joy is that much sweeter when you make it a priority to commemorate the crucifixion. Join us!

APRIL 9: Easter Sunday worship



Join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with festival worship services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us on this day of celebration!

Easter Sunday breakfast

Plan on joining us for a delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday, served in Herrigstad Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. There will be an **Easter egg hunt** at 9:15 for children age 10 and younger.

Please note the church office will be closed on Easter Monday, 4/10.

Pastor Spencer on vacation April 12-17

Pastor Spencer will be on vacation and out of town April 12-17. On Sunday, April 16, we will welcome Pastor Larry Olsen to preach and preside at our worship services. If you have an emergency requiring pastoral care during this time, please call the church office to be referred to an on-call pastor.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study will go on hiatus for a few weeks due to Holy Week, Easter, and Pastor's Jeff's post-Easter vacation time. It will resume on April 23 with classes being held on Sunday morning in the library from 9:15-10:15. ***We will not be having a Wednesday night class this spring.***

Continuing the theme of lesser-known New Testament writings, we will be exploring 1 John, a short letter in the back of your Bibles. Here's the schedule for this upcoming study:

April 23: 1 John 1&2 – Life and Light, The New Obedience

April 30: 1 John 3 – Children of God

May 7: 1 John 4 – God is Love

May 14: ***Mother's Day Tea – NO CLASS***

May 21: 1 John 5 – Faith Conquers the World

New Member class set for April 30

An orientation class for new members will be held on Sunday, April 30 at noon. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please make a note on a bulletin insert Connection Card or e-mail Pastor Spencer, pastor@oakharborlutheran.org.

Baptized into Christ!

Reagan Lynn Donwen, daughter of Nicholas & Roshel Donwen, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, January 22. Welcome, Reagan!

Hannah Marie Kay Hendricks, daughter of Zach & Jasmine Hendricks, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, February 26. Welcome, Hannah!!

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

- WITH BETH STEPHENS

QUEST CLUB will not meet on Good Friday (*we rescheduled to Mar. 31*), so our only April gathering will be **Friday, April 21**.

Youth & Family Night will be Sunday, April 30, the 4th Sunday of Easter, also known as ***Good Shepherd Sunday***. Join us from 6:00 to 7:30 PM for sheep-based shenanigans and a snack. **Everyone is welcome!**



COMING IN APRIL

In Concert: the Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers at OHLC

Don Saturday April 15 at 7:00 PM, Oak Harbor Lutheran Church will proudly host the Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers for a remarkable performance of Gospel songs. The group is united in their love for God and for each other, a bond that makes their interpretation of the music a wonderful experience for all. Their purpose is to help people in communities discover life-changing power in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the clarity and passion they put into the lyrics of each song, along with fabulous harmonic blending.



Founding director Michael Rivers was schooled at Valparaiso University and Berklee College of Music. From a handful of singers 20 years ago, PMGS blossomed into an ensemble gathered around the Gospel from many different churches and denominations on the Olympic Peninsula. We are honored to be the first to welcome them to a full concert in Oak Harbor. Michael has led the singers through eight CD recording projects, and some will be available during intermission and at the end of the concert.

Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers is a nonprofit tax-deductible 501(c)(3) organization, and they depend on voluntary contributions from friends, businesses and churches wishing to share in their ministry. There is no cost for this concert, but there will be a free-will offering.

A few testimonials:

"The Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers offer that vibrant rich sound of disciplined men's voices singing with energy and conviction. What a total delight." *Dr. Fred Thompson, Cellist with the Port Angeles String Quartet, Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra, and Professor of Literature at Peninsula College.*

"We were truly blessed by your singing and even more by the joy and commitment on your faces. You are inspired when you sing and it is especially uplifting to hear men witnessing in the way." *C.S. Port Angeles*

"I've experienced some wonderful singing experiences, but I have never experienced the deep commitment with passion that PMGS achieves in their singing. Bravo." *Tom Piper, former Tenor/Baritone; Men of Psalm Quartet, Leonard Moore Chorale, Bellevue Chamber Chorus, Northwest Sound Men's Barbershop Chorus.*

LIBRARY NEWS

Eastertime is here and truly is a celebration of new life for us as believers in Jesus Christ! Consider checking out a Christian classic from our library to stimulate your spiritual growth.

One such book is Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline*, found in the Christian Life library section. This book explores the basic spiritual practices of our faith. Foster describes how outward, inward and corporate disciplines such as prayer, meditation, worship, study and service will lead to greater joy, peace and a deeper understanding of God. He gives practical examples of how these practices will help believers to cast off superficial habits and "bring the abundance of God into our lives." *Christianity Today* magazine describes *Celebration of Discipline* as one of the ten best books of the 20th century.



We appreciate donations to our library, but ask the you contact one of us before leaving materials in the library room. As always, we welcome your ideas to better serve you. Thank you!

Kathy Holroyd, Colleen Pedlar, Karen Pasewark

IN SYMPATHY

We offer prayers for our Lord's comforting presence in the lives of those in our church family who have suffered the recent loss of loved ones, including...



...Roger & Georgette Anglum, following the death of Roger's brother, John Pfeifer;

...Luke & Heather (Anglum) Myers, following the death of Luke's aunt, Doris Toler;

...Ruth & Rick Culbertson, following the death of Ruth's brother, Tasche Jordan, known to many with Holden Village and PNW music connections (and those who attended Mothers Day concerts at Meerkirk Gardens) as Harper Tasche.

HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL

A MINISTRY OF OAK HARBOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Spring is in the air! We've been discussing the new season and we're seeing signs popping all over the place in the classroom, especially our students' recent project of a tree they colored and then glued popcorn 'flowers' to the branches.

Our field trip was a visit to Oak Harbor's Greenhouse Nursery, and they always do an excellent tour! They showed us how they plant beautiful flowers for us to enjoy outside and talked about taking care of plants indoors as well. Then we went back to class and had our own planting session of sunflower seeds and we discussed how plants need soil, water and sun to grow.



This led to talking about weather! We made paper plate weather wheels to mark if our days are sunny, windy, rainy or cloudy. We colored **Rain or shine – Jesus is mine** umbrellas and glued on little bits of foil as raindrops. You can see these on the bulletin board in the education wing hallway! Finally, we made construction paper wind socks with colorful crepe paper streamers and hung them up from the ceiling to decorate our classroom.

During the month, we also focused on transportation. Here are 3 types that we learned about, with the coordinating projects. For **land**, we used paint daubers to dot-paint school buses. For **water**, we made sailboat pictures with construction paper, chenille stems and cotton balls. For **air**, we made paper airplanes and tried getting them to fly around the classroom.

Here are the students' responses to **My favorite thing to ride is...**

Tristen: helicopter
Steven: motorcycle
Lona: ferry
Dean: airplane
Reid: speed boat
Celia: airplane
Olivia: octopus helicopter with eight legs

Andrew: airplane
Samara: bicycle
Julian: jets
Atena: car
Victoria: airplane
Asher: helicopter

We had a special visit from Whidbey Fire and Rescue. They spoke to our class about water safety and we went out to the parking lot for a tour of their water rescue boat.



We also had a visit from Ms. Debbie, our science lady, and she had a great talk to us about fossils. She even provided the students with a couple fossils of their own to take home. The kids so look forward to her visits and greet her with big smiles and happy yells of "Ms. Debbie!" when she comes into the classroom. Our science lady has a fan club for sure.

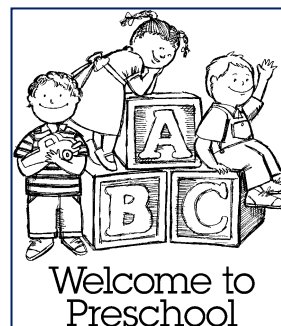
In preparation for Easter, we decorated the classroom with large painted Easter egg pictures. We also had a celebration party and dyed eggs, and had an egg hunt.

Our very busy month finished with pictures taken by Kara Chappell Photography. We've used her services for the last few years and always enjoy watching her talents shine as she takes our class and individual photos. She always manages to get the most natural poses and smiles!

Our focus letters for the month were **W**, **K**, **M**, and **E**, and our special students were: **Celia**, **Victoria** and **Steven**.

God's Peace and Easter Blessings –
Ms. Michelle, Ms. Gaye, Ms. Elva and Ms. Sara

Registration is continuing for the 2023-2024 school year!



Please note that we'll be moving to a **5-day program, Monday through Friday**. We are offering two classes:

- 8:15-11:45 AM
- 12:30-4:00 PM

Children need to be 3 years old by August 31 (and potty trained!) to start His Kids Preschool. Children who turn 3 during the course of the school year may join a class at that point if we have space available. Monthly tuition is \$290; we also have 2 nonrefundable fees that add up to \$100 due at the time of registration. [\$50 registration fee + \$50 tuition fee, which is applied to the final month's tuition.]

Our curriculum will include elements of Pre-K Readiness for students who will be going on to kindergarten the following year.

OHLC WOMEN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, STUDY, SERVICE

Blanket Workshop

Blanket Workshop meets **Tuesday & Wednesday, April 4&5**, beginning at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Newcomers are always welcome, and you don't have to know how to sew to help out. Interested in machine sewing quilt tops at home? Materials are provided! For more information, contact Leona McKee, 360-675-5712, bcmac68@comcast.net.

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 April, 1-3 PM in the library. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey, gaye@tobysuds.com.

Lydia Circle meets Monday, April 17 at 6 PM in the prayer room. Questions? Contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-929-9127.

12th 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 soon on the WELCA website, <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>. 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.



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.

TAKE NOTE!

May 1 deadline announced for scholarship applications!

OHLC's Theresa Ferguson Memorial Scholarships are \$1,000 scholarships – renewable up to 4 times.

Students may use the funds to attend junior/community institutions, 4-year colleges and universities, technical schools, trade schools, and extended learning.



The deadline for first time applications and renewals is Monday 1. Pick up an application in the church office or contact Roshel Muzzall, roshel@3sistersbeef.com.



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

The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is Thursday, April 20.

The Brotherhood of St. Bernard, OHLC's men's group (*more familiarly known as the Old Dogs & Young Pups*), meets for lunch, fellowship & Bible study on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at noon in the fellowship hall. See you on April 11 & 25! For more info, contact Tom Piper, tomreflexpiper@gmail.com, 360-675-4739.

In Appreciation:

Thank you to everyone for your concerns and prayers during my recent hospitalization. I'm doing well now, just low on energy.

Barbara Wilson



April's Ministry of the Month: News about Watoto

Now that spring is here we think of Easter and new beginnings, and we also think about Watoto Childcare Ministries in Uganda. Our congregation has supported our brothers and sisters there since 2006, building a nurses' house and medical clinic and sponsoring many children by helping provide education, medical care and a family life.

With your help Alfred became a doctor and is now doing his residency. Through sponsorship Ronald became a lawyer, Sheila a hairdresser, and Irene a responsible mom, to name a few of the lives that have been helped by Watoto with Oak Harbor Lutheran's support.

The Watoto Ministry now centers around building small communities which have homes, schools, health care clinics, and jobs close by. It is a shift in thinking to help single moms and families be successful providers and faithful Watoto church members. Hopefully, a presentation by U.S. Watoto staff is planned for April 16, to help us learn more. Watch for more information!

Watoto

Thank you for your good and faithful support!

Joyfully,
Skip & Judy Lycksell and OHLC's Watoto Team



On Sundays, April 30 & May 7, after both worship services, the congregation will have another opportunity to support women worldwide in their entrepreneurial pursuits.

Bracelets, necklaces and earrings made from rolled paper beads will be available for purchase in the fellowship hall, just in time for Mothers Day! Better yet, all items will be discounted 50%.

Proceeds will be donated to the Street Business School/Bead for Life to continue their work of training women in impoverished communities to open successful businesses in order to feed, house, clothe and educate their families.

Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey, gaye@tobysuds.com.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers meet Thursday, April 13, 4:00 PM in the education wing. We'll review Module 5, "A Process Approach to Caring," pgs. 79-87, as well as Chapters 1&12 of the book *Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life*.

Stephen Ministers-in-training meet in the library on Thursdays, April 6, 13, & 20, 3:30 PM, & Saturday, April 29, 9:00 AM.

OHLC's Stephen Leaders are Gaye Rodriguey & Gail Dobbyn; **Ministers** are Mike Dilley, Bobbi Miller, Christa Nagel, Tom Piper, Carol Reafs, Dusty Rhodes; **receiving training:** Leslie Improta, Jan Heideger, Donna Meyers.

C.A.R.E. makes a great showing in local parade!

This is a project of **Whidbey C.A.R.E., Community Advocates for Refugee Efforts**. We are a community-based group with the goal of bringing a Ukrainian family to Whidbey. We meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 6:30 PM in the education wing at OHLC. Your input is encouraged.

Our first "public promotion," in partnership with 1st United Methodist Church, was a float in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Our truck was well received, and we we won the Grand Marshal's Award, given by parade sponsors, the Whidbey Island Irish Wildlife Society.



We'll have a fundraiser double feature movie day, Thursday, April 13 at Oak Harbor Cinema, 1 PM for *City Slickers* and 3 PM for *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Stay for both or pick your preference; there'll be a donation basket at the theatre. All proceeds will be used for family sponsorship.

Bob & Carol Wall

Oak Harbor's SPiN Café announces May 13 fundraiser event

Everyone has needs. For some, it's a meal, a place to rest out of the weather, to get information about community resources, to connect with others. Or perhaps your need is to volunteer, to give, to serve, and to know you are contributing to the well-being of others. SPiN Café is a place where all are welcome to give or receive.

This fundraiser event includes dinner, auctions, raffles, and music by Jamar Jenkins. Tickets are \$60, available from SPiN board members who are from OHLC: Sandee & Bob Allen, Trudy Decker, Gary Johnson, Marc Stroud or Bob Wall.



SPRING FLING
SPiN Café
**FUNDRAISING
EVENT**

SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023
NO HOST BAR ~ DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM

OAK HARBOR ELKS LODGE

PRIME RIB DINNER \$60.00/PP
SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLE, DESSERT RAFFLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

- In person @ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- SPIN WEBSITE www.spincafeoh.org
- CALL (360) 929-0281



SCAN ME

Kraft Family receives gift from OHLC

We raised \$1,090 during the month of February for the Kraft family of Go Missions International, the missionaries we support in Peru. We know how much your support means to them, and so we convey their thanks for your generosity!

Shannon sent an update in mid-March about a recent mission trip involving more than 22 hours spent on buses and 6 hours on boats on the way to a small village. Her report is posted on the narthex bulletin board.



“You’re familiar with the written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. God gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish — to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”

- Matthew 5: 43-45, 48 (*The Message*)

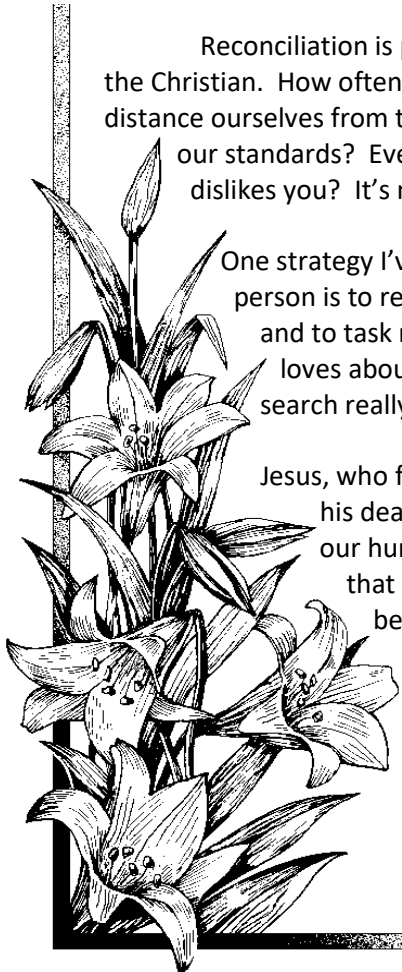
Reconciliation is probably one of the most difficult tasks for the Christian. How often do we judge, hold grudges, label, and distance ourselves from those who have hurt us or simply not met our standards? Ever tried loving someone who openly dislikes you? It’s not easy.

One strategy I’ve found useful when faced with a difficult person is to remember that we are both loved by God, and to task myself with discovering what it is God loves about that person. Sometimes I’ve had to search really hard!

Jesus, who from the Cross forgave those who caused his death, calls us to love one another in spite of our human failings. He asks for an authenticity that requires us to reconcile with others before we present ourselves to the Father in worship. Because what separates us from one another truly separates us from God.

—Joyce Donahue
Living Lent Daily
Loyola Press

Shalom, Gaye



NW Washington Synod offers 2 Gathering options

Every three years, our NW WA Synod hosts synod-wide Gatherings in lieu of a regular Synod Assembly. Participants are invited to gather for worship, lunch, and forums for learning, conversation and collaboration.



There are two Saturdays to choose from:

May 13, Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon

May 20, St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Bellevue

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

These are nearly identical in offerings, although a few forums are only offered on May 20 due to presenter availability. Registration will be open April 10 – May 1. Visit the Synod website for more info, <https://www.lutheransnw.org/events/synod-gatherings/2023-05-13>.

IN APPRECIATION



Last November’s newsletter sent out a call for volunteers to help plant daffodil bulbs on the church property. This spring we’re rejoicing in the glorious bright yellow display! **Many thanks to those who contributed to the daffodil fund and to Tom Piper and his crew for the hard work that made this possible!**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
April 2		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Carol Fitzgerald Communion Asst: Wendy Wilson Healing Prayer: M. Stroud, T. Piper	Computer: Sam Richards Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Moira Bartrand Communion Asst: Laurie Johnson Healing Prayer: C. Wall, G. Hawley	Computer: Anders Spencer Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
April 9, Easter Sunday		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Paul Senness Communion Asst: Mary Brock	Computer: Norman family Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Rita Cline Communion Asst: Gisela Hawley	Computer: Kale Totten Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
April 16		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Jeff Margraf Communion Asst: Tracey Tomlin	Computer: Lisa Margraf Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Jan Heideger Communion Asst: Kerri Totten	Computer: Bruce Holroyd Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst
April 23		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Gaye Rodriguey Communion Asst: Sam Richards	Computer: M. Ackerman Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Kathy Holroyd Communion Asst: Janet Smith	Computer: John Totten Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
April 30		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Tom Carey Communion Asst: Stone family	Computer: Lucas Stone Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Trudy Decker Communion Asst:	Computer: Anders Spencer Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst



Little Lutheran Bags in April: Colleen Pedlar
Thank you to Trudy Decker for March!

This month's decorative font is **FLORAL LATIN**

FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY

	February	Year to date
Income	\$ 33,351	\$ 71,177
Outgo	<u>36,679</u>	<u>75,486</u>
	\$ <u>(1,328)</u>	\$ <u>(4,309)</u>

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

MARCH

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Feb. 26	52	85
Mar. 5	65	85
Mar. 12	41	83
Mar. 19	34	100
Mar. 26	54	92
Avg. Att.	49	89

Average Sunday attendance: 138



LESSER FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS APRIL

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| 4 Benedict the African, confessor, 1589 | 21 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109 |
| 6 Albrecht Dürer, 1528,
Matthias Grünewald, 1529,
Lucas Cranach, 1553, artists | 23 Toyohiko Kagawa,
renewer of society, 1960 |
| 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, 1945 | 25 St. Mark, Evangelist |
| 10 Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557 | 29 Catherine of Siena,
theologian, 1380 |
| 19 Olavus Petri, priest, 1552, Laurentius
Petri, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1573,
renewers of the Church | |



Christ Is Risen!

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*

<div> <div>APRIL</div>  </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Palm/Passion Sunday Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> CA/library 7:30	3 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	4 9:30 Blanket Workshop	5 9:30 Blanket Workshop 12:30 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir	6 Maundy Thursday 1:00 Deborah Circle 3:30 Stephen Ministry training 4:00 Stephen Ministry supervision 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 NA, library	7 Good Friday 12:00 Worship 7:00 Worship	1 8 6:00 Set up for Easter Breakfast
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23 Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed/1 John 9:15 Worship 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> Eagle ceremony 1:30 CA/library 7:30	24 6:30 Refugee Team 7:00 North Whidbey NA/fellowship hall	25 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 11:30 OHLC Staff 12:30 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 3:00 Grief Support Group 4:00 Chancel Choir	27 1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	28 	29 9:00 Stephen Ministry training
30 Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed/1 John 9:15 Worship 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> New member class 12:00 Youth/Family Night 6:00 CA/library 7:30	<div>  <div> The Easter message tells us that our enemies — sin, the curse and death — are beaten. Ultimately they can no longer start mischief. They still behave as though the game were not decided, the battle not fought; we must still reckon with them, but fundamentally we must cease to fear them anymore. —Karl Barth, <i>Dogmatics in Outline</i> </div> </div>					HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL M,T,W 8:45-11:45 AM Easter Break, Apr. 3-7 <i>Registration is underway for 2023-2024!</i> <i>Contact the church office!</i>