

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



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"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

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PASTOR'S PAGE

St. Monica and the Power of a Praying Mom

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

One of the most common sources of anguish in the lives of Christian parents is watching their adult children stumble or wander away from the faith. I hear it all the time as a pastor. I hear from concerned parents whose children have fallen into the hedonism and confusion of our deeply troubled culture. I hear from grandparents who are mystified about why their adult children haven't had their own children baptized, and why they are so ambivalent about attending worship. I hear from sorrowful parents whose children have rejected Christianity, turning instead to vague spiritualities or outright atheism. These situations are often very painful, and parents struggle to know what to do.



MONICA

Fourth century mom and prayer warrior St. Monica provides an encouraging example for parents caught in this kind of anguish. She had a son who, though he was raised as a Christian, rejected the faith as a young adult. He first dabbled in paganism, adopting many of its practices. He then embraced the Eastern religion of Manichaeism, which rejected many foundational Christian teachings, particularly regarding the God-createdness of the human body and the moral implications therein. This worldview led her son into sexual sin. He famously, if mockingly, prayed, "Lord, grant me chastity and continence, but not yet." His dalliances led to a child born out of wedlock. Not content with violating the sixth commandment, he also gleefully broke the seventh. He stole pears from a local orchard and admitted he did so not because he was hungry, or because he liked pears, but for the thrill of stealing.

Monica was deeply pained by her son's behavior. She had raised him to trust in Jesus and to live in God-honoring ways, and now he had rejected everything she tried so lovingly and persistently to teach him. What would she do? What influence could she have now as her dear son entered his twenties? As he turned thirty?

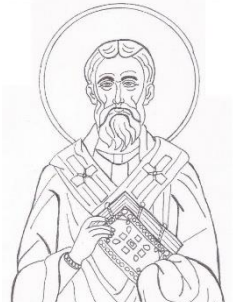
In spite of her anguish, Monica's love for her son never wavered.



She brought her anguish to her pastor, who noted the great love of this mother, saying, "the child of those tears shall never perish."

And Monica prayed. She didn't just pray once or twice in moments of desperation. She didn't pray and then give up when she didn't see immediate results. She prayed persistently. She prayed steadfastly. She prayed, and things got worse before they got better. But she kept praying, and after seventeen years of praying for her son, at the age of 31 he returned to the Christian faith.

Many of you have probably figured out by now who her son was. His name was Augustine, and he went on to become arguably the most important theologian in western Christianity since St. Paul. In his book *Confessions*, he credits his mother's steadfast devotion to Christ and her persistent prayers for his return to Christ and the Christian life.



AUGUSTINE

When adult children leave the Christian faith, it can be hard to know what to do. When they make choices that are unhealthy, immoral, or illegal, it is deeply concerning and painful. If you are in this situation, know that you are not alone. I talk to people all the time who are going through such things, and in my conversations with pastor friends I know it is a common experience throughout the church.

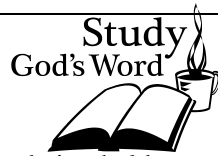
This Mother's Day, let us remember the witness of St. Monica. Moms especially, but dads and other caring family members too. St. Monica gives us an example of what to do when the church's sons and daughters grow up and wander away from Christian faith and Christian living. She is an example of being steadfast in our own devotion to Christ, which can be a beacon to those wayward children when their lives inevitably come up empty and hollow. She is an example of being persistent in prayer, never giving up even when we can't see immediate results, knowing we might not even see the results in our lifetime.

We live in a time when "thoughts and prayers" are sometimes ridiculed as empty, impotent gestures, far inferior to more concrete actions. But Monica reminds us that prayer is powerful. Monica reminds us that God hears the prayers of anguished parents. She shares the tears of parents who weep for their sons or daughters and gives them hope that the child of those tears shall never perish.

Keep praying.

- Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

GROWING & LEARNING



Adult Bible study in May

Adult Bible study continues in May with classes being held on Sunday morning in the library, 9:15 to 10:15. Continuing the theme of lesser-known New Testament writings, we are exploring 1 John, a short letter in the back of your Bibles. Here's the schedule for this upcoming study. It isn't too late to join us!

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

Sunday School is completing another great year!

Thank you, Sunday School teachers and substitutes, who have put in so much time and effort to teach God's Word to our children and youth this past year! **Teachers: Mary Brock, Martha Ellis, Peg Fosnaugh, Sara Hogarth, Fran Leukhardt, Beth Stephens, Natalie Stone, Kärin Ulvin; Substitutes: Kendall Gibbons & Amy Spencer**

Our last day of Sunday School for the program year will be May 21. It's been a great year of learning together. See you in September!

Beth Stephens, director

Confirmation BBQ set for May 7

Confirmation class will meet from 5:30 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, May 7 for dinner, CateQuizm, and prayer. Grilled burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Families are encouraged to bring a side dish to share. At least one parent/guardian is expected to attend with their student. Mark your calendars and be sure and complete sessions 9-10 in your workbooks before we gather! It's our last gathering for the program year. Let's make it a good one!

May 28: Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday



You're encouraged to **wear red on Sunday, May 28**, as we celebrate the coming of the promised Holy Spirit. During our 8:00AM service we will also be celebrating the confirmation of **Adam Carvalho, Samuel Richards, Logan Stone, and Lucas Stone**. Join us afterwards for a special reception in their honor.

FAMILY MATTERS



Baby Bottle Boomerang begins May 14

The Whidbey Island Women's Clinic in Oak Harbor is a ministry providing care and support for women experiencing unexpected pregnancies, providing free ultra-sounds, counseling, and material support in the form of diapers, clothing, strollers, and more.

OHLC member Morrie Parker serves as our liaison to the clinic. This year, we are once again participating in their community-wide fundraiser, the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Those interested in donating may pick up a baby bottle in our narthex on or after Mother's Day (May 14). Take it home, fill it with change, cash, and/or a check, and return it on (or by) Father's Day (June 18).

May 14: Celebrating Mothers' Day at OHLC



The OHLC Men's group and Luth Youth cordially invite you to a special Mothers' Day Tea from 9:00 to 10:15 AM on Mothers' Day, May 14, featuring faux mimosas, pastries, fruit, and other goodies.

All are welcome as we celebrate the vocation of motherhood. Come celebrate the mothers in your life and the mothers of OHLC, past and present! There will be a free-will offering to support youth and family events.

Youth & Family Night, May 28

Join us from 6:00 to 7:30 PM as we celebrate Pentecost with a bonfire and s'mores. **Everyone is welcome!**



What is a godly mother? A godly mother is one who loves the Lord her God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength and then passionately, consistently, and unrelentingly teaches her child to do the same.

- Elizabeth George

I learnt more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England.

- John Wesley

COMING THIS SUMMER!



Summer's worship schedule begins on June 4

We are moving to our summer worship schedule of ONE SERVICE at 9:30AM beginning Sunday, June 4. This is a little earlier than in the past, so please mark your calendars! We look forward to being together as one congregation through the summer months.

Pastor Spencer's renewal program begins June 5

Pastor Jeff will be in Dayton, Ohio, June 5-9 for the first part of his pastoral renewal program. Pastor Laurie Johnson will be preaching and presiding on June 4 as Pastor Jeff travels to Ohio. This is the first part of a three-part program. The second part is November 3-5, and includes the participation of an OHLC member. Glenn Cornelius has been selected by council to attend with pastor in November. The third part will be August 2-5, 2024, and is for Pastor Jeff and Amy to attend together, with a focus on marriage in the midst of ministry.

Semi-annual meeting to be held on June 11

Our next semi-annual meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, June 11. Remember, we'll be on our summer schedule by then, with only one service at 9:30AM. The meeting will convene after the service, at 10:45. We will be electing new council members, receiving ministry reports, and getting an update on our budget. All voting members are strongly encouraged to attend.

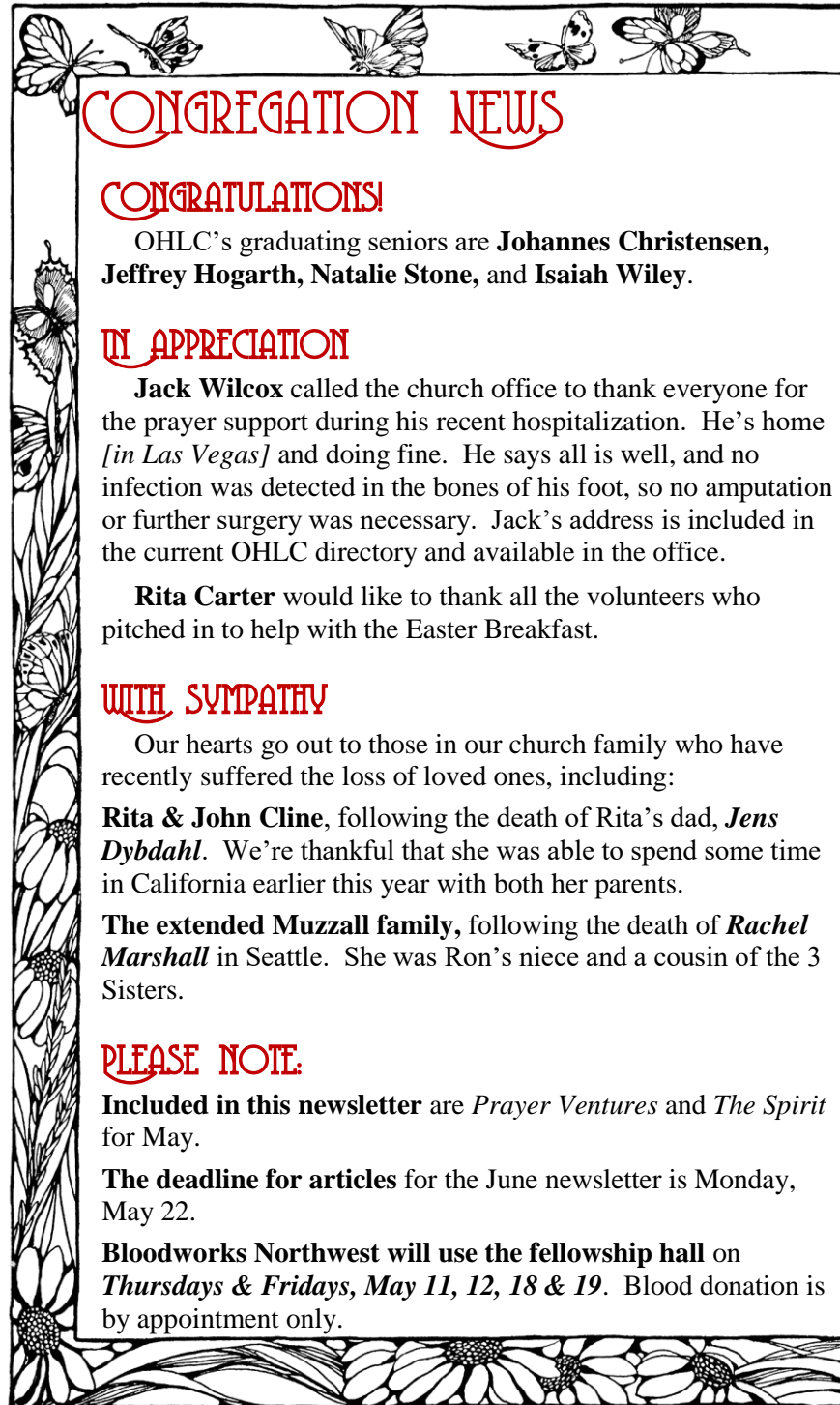
OHLC to the Mariners game on August 26!

We are going back to T-Mobile Park! *Faith & Family Day* at the Mariners game will be Saturday, August 26, with a 1:10PM start time against the Kansas City Royals and a concert and player testimonies following the game. Watch for more information soon! In the meantime, save the date!

Youth & Family events

QUEST CLUB meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month as usual... EXCEPT we'll meet every week, June 16-July 21.

Youth & Family monthly events will include *I Can Do All Things Through Christ* Fun Run, *Paint and Sip*, and *Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival*. Details will be forthcoming from Beth Stephens!



CONGREGATION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

OHLC's graduating seniors are **Johannes Christensen**, **Jeffrey Hogarth**, **Natalie Stone**, and **Isaiah Wiley**.

IN APPRECIATION

Jack Wilcox called the church office to thank everyone for the prayer support during his recent hospitalization. He's home [in Las Vegas] and doing fine. He says all is well, and no infection was detected in the bones of his foot, so no amputation or further surgery was necessary. Jack's address is included in the current OHLC directory and available in the office.

Rita Carter would like to thank all the volunteers who pitched in to help with the Easter Breakfast.

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Rita & John Cline, following the death of Rita's dad, **Jens Dybdahl**. We're thankful that she was able to spend some time in California earlier this year with both her parents.

The extended Muzzall family, following the death of **Rachel Marshall** in Seattle. She was Ron's niece and a cousin of the 3 Sisters.

PLEASE NOTE.

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

The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is Monday, May 22.

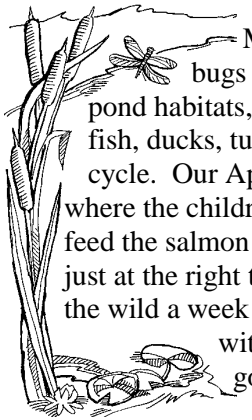
Bloodworks Northwest will use the fellowship hall on Thursdays & Fridays, May 11, 12, 18 & 19. Blood donation is by appointment only.

HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL

A MINISTRY OF OAK HARBOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

The month of April was a short but fun-filled month along with a warm and joyous welcome back to Ms. Elva who is back in the classroom, along with a huge shout-out to Ms. Gaye for being there for us while Elva was at home recovering. It was a team effort for sure, and we're so thankful for everyone who was there for us.

We started the month with learning about the letter **R**, including making rockets out of paper towel rolls, paper, stickers and markers, with cotton balls for smoke. We focused on the letter **U** by learning about unicorns that we made with pasta and crinkle paper. Our last letter was the letter **I** and we talked all month about how insects have a head, thorax and abdomen, and they also all have six legs.



Ms. Debbie, our science lady, brought in baby lady bugs as we learned about their life cycle. We discussed pond habitats, and what lives in and around them – especially frogs, fish, ducks, turtles, and that those all start out as eggs in their life cycle. Our April field trip brought us to the Oak Harbor Marina where the children were given the opportunity to tour the marina and feed the salmon at the hatchery there. We found out that we visited just at the right time, as the salmon were scheduled to be released to the wild a week later! What a wonderful opportunity for the school to witness all of the fish congregated in one location before going out into the open waters of our Salish Sea.

In addition to the lady bugs, Ms. Debbie also brought in some of her different rabbits to visit our classroom mascot, *Luke*, and to also show off to the children. We spent some time with “*Frankie*” the Lop Ear rabbit, *Claire*, the Netherland dwarf rabbit and finally *Blackberry*, one of the descendants of the European wild hares that were part of the “great escape” from the Island County Fairgrounds from decades ago.

Some of our crafts this month involved paint and water bottles to make flowers that remind us that April showers do eventually bring May flowers. We also created butterfly bracelets with our markers, glue and paper.

We've been witness to a mixture of sunny and windy days during April, so we asked the children *which type of day would they rather have; a windy or a sunny day, and why?* Enjoy their answers and reasons below – and go ahead and ask this question to yourself!



Atena: a sunny day

Lona: a sunny day

Olivia: a sunny day, because it would be better

Tristen: a sunny day because we can go to the beach

Andrew: a windy day because I love to fly kites

Celia: a sunny day because we can play at the playground

Julian: a sunny day because I can ride my scooter

Victoria: a sunny day because I like to play outside

Steven: a sunny day because my cat likes sunny days

Dean: a sunny day because we can go to the park

Reid: a windy day because I can wear my jacket.

Asher: a sunny day because I can play with toys and go to the beach

Samara: a windy day because I like to play outside when it's windy



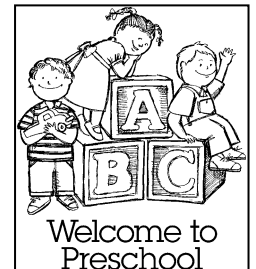
God's Peace to you!

Ms. Elva, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Sara

Registration is continuing for the 2023-2024 school year!

Please note that we're 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.

Registration forms are available in the church office! Contact Martha, martha@oakharborlutheran.org, if you'd prefer to receive a pdf version via e-mail.

OHLC WOMEN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, STUDY & SERVICE

Supporting the work of Lutheran World Relief

Offering comfort & care to those who need it most

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

- From the LWR website

Blanket Workshop at OHLC

Blanket Workshop meets **Tuesday & Wednesday, May 2 & 3**, 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.



Personal Care kits: New coordinator needed soon!

OHLC's personal care kit project for Lutheran World Relief needs a new coordinator! Leona McKee has overseen this effort for many years but will be signing off after this spring's shipment. She'll be delighted to mentor her replacement!. Call the church office for more info, 360-679-1561.



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

Lydia Circle meets Mondays, May 1 & 15 at 6 PM in the prayer room. Questions? Contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-929-9127.

GATHERINGS: NW WA SYNOD & ELCA

Northwest Washington Synod offers 2 gathering options

Every 3 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>, and be sure to read Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee's thoughts about the Gatherings in this month's insert, *The Spirit*.



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're 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.



OHLC's own Gaye Rodriguey is the current Treasurer of the Northwest Washington Synod Women's Organization.

COMPASSION MINISTRY

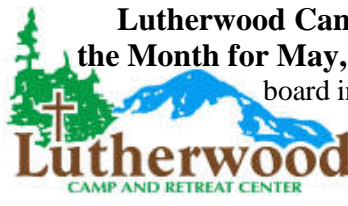
Registration is open for Camp Lutherwood!

(and scholarships are available!)

We have a wonderful Lutheran Bible camp right in our own backyard, on the shores of beautiful Lake Samish in Bellingham. Camp Lutherwood is currently taking registrations for summer campers! You can register online at www.camlutherwood.org.

Summer 2023 programs include traditional, overnight camps for Embers (*Grades 1-2*), Explorers (*Grades 3-5*), and Pathfinders (*Grades 6-9*), HS & MS H₂O camps (includes extensive water activities including swimming, kayaking, wakeboarding and more), Family Camp, and Day Camp options, as well as a 2-week Counselor-In-Training program.

Through gifted funds from the OHLC Men's Group (The Brotherhood of St. Bernard) and other sources, we are able to offer a limited number of camp scholarships. Please contact Pastor Spencer if you are interested.

 **Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center is our Ministry of the Month for May**, so we hope you'll check out the bulletin board in the narthex and watch for further information throughout the month. You may also talk to Mike Dilley, our Lutherwood liaison for the congregation.

Join Hands Days:

Help get camp ready for summer by participating in Join Hands Days, **9 AM – 3 PM on Saturdays, May 6 & 13**. Bring your work gloves and volunteer spirit! RSVP by calling 360-734-7652. Lunch is included.

**Camp Lutherwood is located at
1185 Roy Road, Bellingham.**



On **Sunday, 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.



OHLC responds to the ELCA World Hunger appeal

*Creatively and courageously working toward a just world
where all are fed*

Thank you for your recent Lenten season generosity! As has become our congregational tradition, special offerings and midweek soup supper donations were designated for ELCA World Hunger, resulting in a total of \$4,079.

The ELCA's World Hunger web page includes a sobering fact: about 11% of people in the world today are hungry, which adds up to more than 820 million people. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger makes it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. For more information, visit <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger>.

- Bob & Carol Wall

Ukrainian refugee support efforts are moving forward!

WhidbeyCAREs is our acronym for the *Community Advocates for Refugee Efforts*. WhidbeyCAREs is excited to share that **we are now officially a 501(c)(3) Non Profit**. Thank you to team member Ted Smith and the work by the rest of our team! Note that we do consider ourselves a *community* team, although at this point the majority are from OHLC. Our thanks, too, to Janet Smith for painting our (Ukrainian) sunflowers logo!



At our meeting on April 24, we had a Google conference call with Allison Agoglia, who is our resource person with the organization we are working with. We all felt very encouraged by her info and our progress.



Do you like excellent spaghetti? Then you will love joining us for a Whidbey CAREs spaghetti luncheon, prepared by our excellent team cooks!!! Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fundraiser luncheon on **Sunday, June 11** in the fellowship hall. Since that's a "summer schedule Sunday," worship will be at 9:30, and we'll work up an appetite at the semi-annual congregational meeting at 10:45. We'll have a basket out for a free-will offering to help us toward our goal of bringing a Ukrainian family to Whidbey. WhidbeyCAREs is the mission of the month for June, so there will be more information coming soon.

Thank you, and many blessings to you all!

Carol Hage Wall

Stephen Ministry meetings in May

Stephen Ministers, please note the supervision meeting will be Thursday, May 18, at 4:00 PM. This is a change from our usual schedule. We'll discuss Module 10, *Caring between visits: Caregiving and communications technology*, pgs. 205-215 in Training Manual. Volume 1.

Stephen Ministry training will be held Thursdays, May 4, 11 & 25 at 3:30 PM and Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 AM.

Gaye Rodriguez



LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS -WITH GAYE RODRIGUEZ

From the ELCA website:

ELCA launches the Truth & Healing Movement

Did you know that May is *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Month*? The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement is an opportunity to increase our understanding of our colonizing impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Over the next several months, there will be opportunities to learn, raise awareness and engage in other ways to impact hearts and lives across this church. The ELCA believes that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us.

More information will be made available in the coming days and weeks. The ELCA website (<https://elca.org/indigenous>) and *Living Lutheran* magazine online (<https://www.livinglutheran.org/>), as well as the ELCA and *Living Lutheran* social media channels will provide resources for learning the true history and current realities of Indigenous people. It is these truths, truths that have been ignored by most for hundreds of years, that will bring healing for both Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton recently released a statement on the Truth & Healing Movement, which can be heard on the elca.org/indigenous website or via YouTube.

Some opportunities will be calls to individual action, and some will be activities that congregations and small groups should coordinate and participate in together. All these opportunities can be easily promoted by sharing links on social media or other communication platforms.

Introduction to the Truth and Healing Movement, is an hour-long workshop offered on May 9 and May 11, 7:00-8:00 PM Central time and presented by Vance Blackfox. This workshop will explore the truths we seek to learn and the healing we hope to experience, as well as how the movement began among Indigenous people and within the ELCA. It will also explain the work the ELCA has done recently and how you can participate in this justice movement.

No pre-registration is required to participate. Visit the website, <https://elca.org/indigenous>, click on *More Information*, scroll down to the *Activities* heading to the date you prefer (May 9 or May 11) and then click *Join the class* to attend.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
May 7		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Tom Piper Communion Asst: Healing Prayer: G. Rodriguey, M. Stroud	Computer: Sam Richards Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Moira Bartrand Communion Asst: Healing Prayer: C. Reafs, B. Wall	Computer: Ted Smith Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
May 14		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Sheila Ryan Communion Asst: Wendy Wilson	Computer: Norman family Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Carol Fitzgerald Communion Asst: Gisela Hawley	Computer: Kale Totten Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
May 21		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Jeff Margraf Communion Asst: Tracey Tomlin	Computer: Lisa Margraf Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Craig Pedlar Communion Asst: Laurie Johnson	Computer: John Totten Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
May 28, Pentecost (wear red!)		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Peg Fosnaugh Communion Asst:	Computer: Maddox Ackerman Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Leslie Improta Communion Asst: Bobbi Miller	Computer: Bruce Holroyd Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan

FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH

	March	Year to date
Income	\$ 37,587	\$ 108,827
Outgo	<u>40,167</u>	<u>225,653</u>
	\$ <u>(2,582)</u>	\$ <u>(6,826)</u>

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

APRIL

	Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
	April 2	72	84
Easter Sunday,	April 9	104	122
	April 16	47	82
	April 23	49	76
	Avg. Att.	68	91

April 30 will be included in next month's statistics.
Average Sunday attendance: 159

LESSER FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

MAY

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Philip & James, Apostles | 21 Helena, mother of Constantine, 330 |
| 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373 | 24 Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543, Leonhard Euler, 1783 |
| 4 Monica, mother of Augustine, 387 | 27 John Calvin, renewer of the Church, 1564 |
| 8 Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, c. 1416 | 29 Jiří Tranovský, hymnwriter 1637 |
| 9 Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, 1760 | 31 The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth |
| 14 Matthias, apostle | |
| 18 Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, 1160 | |
| Canterbury, martyr, 1556 | |

Little Lutheran bags in May: Barb Heusmann

Thank you to Colleen Pedlar for April!

This month's decorative font is COVENTRY GARDEN.

IN THE COMMUNITY



The Whidbey Community Chorus
presents
Music from Americana

You're invited to a spring concert by the Whidbey Community Chorus, a choir of 80+ voices including OHLC singers Leslie Improta, Barbara Wilson, Mary Kay Hallen, and Tom Piper:



Friday, May 5, 7:00 PM and **Sunday, May 7, 4:00 PM**
First Reformed Church, 250 SW 3rd Avenue, Oak Harbor

Admission is free, and donations are gratefully accepted!

Tom Piper says, "Come enjoy some favorite songs of the past and scratch your head and laugh with us at some of the others."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	2 9:30 Blanket Workshop 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 9:30 Blanket Workshop 11:30 OHLC Staff 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir	4 1:00 Deborah Circle 3:30 Stephen Ministry training 7:00 NA	5 3:00 QUEST CLUB	6
7 Worship 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed/1 John 9:15 Worship 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> Confirmation 5:30 CA 7:30	8 6:30 Refugee Team 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	9 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	10 11:30 OHLC Staff 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir	11 Bloodworks NW, fellowship hall, 10 AM-4 PM 1:00 Deborah Circle 3:30 Stephen Ministry training 7:00 Council 7:00 NA	12	13 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM NW WA Synod Gathering, Salem Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon 8:00-Noon, WSM TA Music Literacy testing 5:00 Set up for Mothers’ Day tea
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21 Preschool Sunday Worship 8:00 Sunday School year-end party 9:15 Adult Ed/1 John 9:15 Worship 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> CA 7:30	22 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Refugee Team 7:00 Brass concert 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	23 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 11:30 OHLC Staff 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir	25 1:00 Deborah Circle 3:30 Stephen Ministry training 7:00 NA	26	27
28 Pentecost Worship/Confirmation 8:00 Worship 10:30 <i>Livestreamed on Facebook</i> Youth & Family Night Pentecost bonfire 6:00 CA 7:30	29 Memorial Day Church office closed 6:00 North Whidbey NA/fellowship hall	30 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	31 11:30 OHLC Staff 1:00 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday 4:00 Chancel Choir	A prayer for Pentecost My heart was weary, but now it is eager for love. My soul was sad, but now is full of joy. Jesus gave his life for me. Now you, Holy Spirit, give me to him.  —Adam of St. Victor, died c. 1177		HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL M,T,W 8:45-11:45 AM Last day of class, 5/24 Registration continues for 2023-24!