

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



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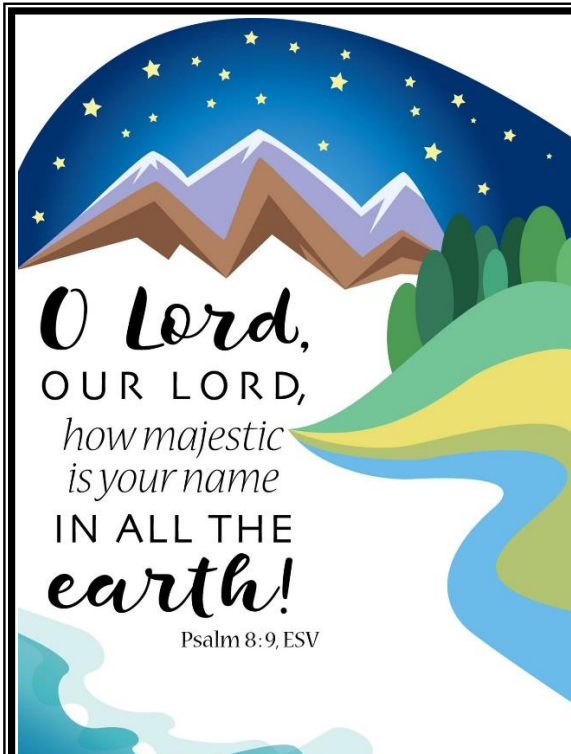
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Pastor's Page: A Beautiful Binary

"There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28



In her article in this month's synod insert (included in this newsletter) NW Washington Synod Vice President Kay Edgerton cites the verse above as part of her argument that binaries (categories of two distinct forms) are a human way of looking at things and "not remotely divine." I would like to publicly, yet respectfully, disagree with her interpretation of this verse, specifically as it applies to the male-female binary.

Before I proceed, I would like to say I met Ms. Edgerton at our recent synod gathering. I attended a workshop she led. I liked her. She is kind, smart, and cares deeply about people and about the church. This is not personal. I respect her. Let me also say that, as many of you know, I am dispositionally conflict-avoidant. I especially loathe fighting culture war battles. I would very much rather write about something else this month. However, this isn't the first time I've seen this verse used this way, and my disagreement with how it is being appropriated to advance a new ideology about sexual identity is too profound to ignore. (Furthermore, I know I am going to get calls about her article anyway, so I may as well address it here. So, here I go, kicking and screaming inside...)

In Galatians 3:28 Paul is making the point that God makes no distinctions among the baptized based on ethnicity, social standing, or sex. In holy baptism, all have "put on Christ" and are children of God. All are equally "heirs according to the promise" (3:29). This is not, however, to say there are no longer any *differences*. In fact, the whole point of the letter is that those differences remain intact. Greeks don't need to be circumcised! They don't need to become identical to Jews! They can remain ethnically distinct from one another and still be one in Christ. Paul continues throughout his writings to recognize binaries of young and old, weak and strong, and, yes, male and female, specifically addressing the concerns and needs of these different kinds of people. When a verse is cherry-picked and isolated from its context, it can be made to say almost anything. When read in context, it is clear that in Galatians 3:28 Paul is celebrating the salvation all different kinds of

people have received through Christ in holy baptism. He is not erasing binaries.

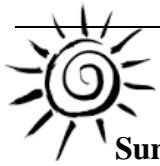
The bigger claim made in Ms. Edgerton's article is that binaries themselves, including the male-female binary, are human ideas and "not remotely divine." This is a breathtaking assertion. Our foundational origin story as Christians portrays God creating a beautiful binary of male and female human beings, each reflecting the image of God (Genesis 1:27). All human life depends on this binary coming together. It is the difference between the two that makes human life possible. Jesus himself points to God's intentionality in creating human beings as male and female (Matthew 19:4, Mark 10:6). The Song of Songs celebrates these embodied differences. The psalms often speak of God giving us our substance, our form, giving us our bodies (notably Psalm 139). The differences between male and female bodies can be found down to the cellular level, and so biology affirms what the Bible claims: "God created them male and female."

The recent ideology emerging around sexual identity as a spectrum in which we choose our place cannot be justified by Galatians 3:28. This new ideology is more Gnostic than Christian. Gnosticism is an ancient spirituality which is seeing a resurgence in our time under various guises. It teaches that one's spiritual essence matters more than one's bodily reality, which can be transcended by inner knowledge. Like its ancient form, Gnosticism has a way of working its way into Christian thought. We see this happening today.

I have genuine compassion for those experiencing gender confusion or gender dysphoria. I have a family member who struggles with this, so I am not unfamiliar with it or insensitive to it. I appreciate Ms. Edgerton's call to extend God's unending love and grace to all people, regardless of their circumstances. I'm with her on this. But ideas have consequences, and I'm concerned that this emerging ideology, increasingly bolstered by anachronistic interpretations of Bible verses like Galatians 3:28, are only adding to the confusion, especially in young people, leading in some cases to irreversible damage.

I believe the male-female binary, even with all the diversity within those biological categories, is indeed divine, and beautiful. I also believe there isn't a binary choice between loving your neighbor and being faithful to scripture. We can do both. We must.

- Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer



Summer at OHLC

Summer worship schedule begins on June 4



We are moving to our summer worship schedule of ONE SERVICE at 9:30 AM 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.

June 11: Semi-annual Congregational Meeting



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 9:30 AM. The meeting will convene after the service, at 10:45. We will be electing new council members and hearing updates and reports. An agenda for our meeting will be available the Sunday prior, on June 4. All voting members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Welcome to our new members

On Sunday, June 11, we will formally welcome 6 new members to OHLC: **Shirley Baeth, Cindy Campbell, Vickie Chambers, Bruce & Donna Lumpkin, and Catherine Benson.** Introduce yourselves to these new friends and give them a warm OHLC welcome!

June 18: Donuts (and bacon) With Dads



After worship on Sunday, June 18 (remember, one service at 9:30!) we will celebrate all the dads of OHLC, past and present, with a special fellowship time featuring bacon and a variety of donuts. All are welcome as we keep the other half of fourth commandment this month by honoring fathers. There will be a free-will offering to support Lutherwood camperships.

Boomerang those baby bottles!

For those who took home a baby bottle for the Whidbey Island Women's Clinic fundraiser, please remember to **return them to the church office on or by Father's Day, Sunday, June 18.** Thank you!



Graduate Recognition Sunday set for June 18



On Sunday, June 18 we will honor OHLC's class of 2023 Oak Harbor High School graduates. We look forward to celebrating with **Johannes Christensen, Jeffery Hogarth, Natalie Stone, and Isaiah Wiley.** God bless our graduates!



Coming up...

July 16: Bishop Shelley Bryan-Wee to visit OHLC


On Sunday, July 16, our Northwest Washington Synod bishop, Shelley Bryan-Wee, will be preaching at OHLC. This is her first visit to our congregation. Let's give her a warm OHLC welcome!

August 27: Church picnic

Save the date! We will have one service at **11 AM on August 27**, held at the Muzzall farm (938 Scenic Heights Road, Oak Harbor), with a church picnic afterwards. BBQ and beverages will be provided. (Donations will be welcomed.) Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. Bring a friend too!

Church Staff updates


New director for His Kids Preschool

fter ten years as preschool director, **Sara Harbaugh** has stepped down from the position. We give thanks for her dedicated leadership, especially during these last three years, which have been a difficult season for our preschool. (See Sara's note on page 6.)


We are pleased to announce we have hired **Jasmine Hendricks** as our new director. Jasmine was a regular worshipper at OHLC as a high school student and has recently returned to us, bringing along her husband, Zach, and two kids, Dean and Hannah. Dean is an alumnus of His Kids and Hannah will be a student during the 2023-2024 school year.

Jasmine attended Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Alaska – Anchorage, earning degrees (Bachelors and Masters) in social work. She has experience with foster family training and working with autistic children. We are delighted to welcome her to our staff.

Help Wanted: Office manager

f you have not yet heard, our office manager Rekann Brannon and her husband Aaron Gangi are moving to Texas in July, and OHLC is looking to hire a new office manager. **This position has recently undergone changes and will now be limited to receptionist and secretarial duties.** All financial duties have been assigned to our new bookkeeper. With this change in the job description comes a change in hours. **This is now a part-time position, 24 hours per week, Tuesday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.** Pay will be hourly, beginning at \$20/hour. A detailed job description is available in the church office. The position will begin Monday, July 3, to give time to work with Rekann before she leaves. We are hoping to hire from within the congregation. **Interested applicants are encouraged to pick up a job description and application and return the completed application to the church office by June 15.**

New bookkeeper hired

HLC member **Amy Herman** has been hired to serve as our bookkeeper. This is a separate position again, which some years ago had been added to the office manager's duties. Amy will manage all our finances, including bills and payroll. She works for Kingma CPA Firm, which has long been a helpful resource to OHLC and has recently provided valuable counsel in organizing our financial resources. We look forward to the gifts Amy brings and appreciate her willingness to serve in this way!

July 9: Farewell reception for Rekann

As mentioned above, after more than six years of serving at OHLC, our office manager Rekann Brannon is moving to Texas, along with her boys and her husband, Aaron. Please join us for a special reception after worship on July 9 as we express our gratitude for her service to OHLC and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

In Sympathy

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



...**Verna Morgan and family**, following the death of her husband, **Mike Morgan**. There will be a memorial service with military honors for Mike on Saturday, **June 17 at 11:00 AM**. A lunch reception will follow. Join us as we give thanks for this brother in Christ and take comfort in Christ's victory over death.

...**Curt Davis and family, including his mom, Carol Reafs**, following the death of Curt's wife, **Kathleen (Kat) Davis**.

...**the friends and family of Maurice Aasland**, who died on May 20 at age 94. Maurie & Janice Aasland joined OHLC in 1969. They were active in our congregation during the 1970s and 80s, and their children were confirmed here.

Peace be to their memory

Grief support group begins a new 6-week series in July

Living with Loss is a 6-week grief support group designed to help process the normal yet difficult feelings that follow the death of a loved one. There's no cost for participation, but group size is limited and pre-registration is required. OHLC's own Laurie Johnson, Bereavement Coordinator for WhidbeyHealth, will offer a new 6-week series, Mondays, July 10 through August 21 (No meeting on 7/24), 2:00-3:30 PM in the library. To register, e-mail johnla@whidbeyhealth.org.



Youth & Family: Summer events!

- with Beth Stephens

Sunday, June 11:

Chalk Art Festival, 6:00 PM



Each participant will have a spot in the church parking lot to transform into a masterpiece. A basic set of sidewalk chalk colors will be provided, as well as snacks. Kneeling mats are available.

All ages and skill levels are welcome!! Feel free to bring additional washable art supplies, such as liquid watercolors and brushes, artist pastels, or sponges for blending.

Sunday, July 16:

I Can Do All Things Through Christ Bible Fun Run, 6:00 PM

Walk or run with us for either 1 mile or 5K, and join us afterwards for a hot dog. Each participant will earn a medal to take home.



If you are interested in donating food for this event, please contact Beth Stephens or make a note on your bulletin insert Connection Card. You'll be contacted about what they'll need in the way of hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks, and ice cream bars.

Sunday, August 20:

Paint and Sip, 6:00 PM



Discover your creativity with a little paint, a little lemonade, and a whole lot of fun! This event is still in the planning stages, but we'd like to know ASAP how many are interested in participating so Beth can buy the correct number of canvases and other supplies. Sign up on a Connection Card in your Sunday bulletin.

QUEST CLUB SUMMER SCHEDULE: *Every Friday, June 16 - July 21.* Starting Aug. 4, we'll return to the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month.

Questions about Youth & Family events?
Contact Beth, bethasteph@gmail.com

Loving our Neighbors

- with Gaye Rodriguey

To love and not judge



In the final chapter of Jonah, the prophet is huffing and puffing because God had stayed the hand of judgment on a people (the Ninevites) that Jonah thought should have been punished.

Let us learn from this stubborn prophet that God's love is for the entire world. Our prayer each day should be for those who are lost. Instead of huffing and puffing about how we think God should be running the universe, let us submit our wills to God's and ask to be used to bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus. God calls us not to judge others but to love them. When we personally experience God's great mercy and compassion as the Ninevites did, we can share that grace with others. May God use these lessons from Jonah to help us hear and obey the call as we go out into the world.

Prayer:

Lord, you are calling me to paths I'm unsure of. Help me to put behind me any prejudice I may have toward others. Empower me with your love to see all people as your children. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

This message is excerpted from *Called to obey God*, a 2002 Women of the ELCA resource, written by Cynthia E. Cowen.

Note: I encourage you to subscribe to *Daily Grace* by signing up on the Women of ELCA website, <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/category/daily-grace>

Shalom, Gaye



His Kids Preschool

A ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church



As we wrapped up our school year, we had lots of things to do inside the classroom and for our end-of-year activities!

Inhale....

We finished up with the end of the alphabet by focusing on the letters **Y** and **Z**, so we made yellow yoyos from paper, crayons and string, along with paper zebras with rickrack for their stripes. We also studied about zoo animals and Noah's ark, where the animals came aboard two by two.

Our final field trip for the year was to Ms. Debbie's farm. She showed us the baby chicks that she brought into the classroom earlier in the year, and they surely had grown! Recently her farm got a baby lamb, and the children were able to see it walk around on its wobbly legs. Debbie is known for her rabbits, and the children were able to feed them along with the goats. She had a lasso area set up for the children, and they were able to tie up a "steer" that was misbehaving. It was a beautiful day to visit the farm.



With the sun finally making its appearance, we felt it was a good time to make a sunflower project, so we made bright sunflowers with our handprints on paper plates. This project reminded us of the sunflowers we grew in class and were able to take home. We also made flowers using the bottom of water bottles. We applied paint to the base of the bottles and printed perfect petal shapes! Bees and butterflies adorned the classroom as we wrapped up our unit on insects.

There was a great turnout for our year-end bowling party! We each had a game of bowling and finished the evening with pizza and pop.

We had a special chapel time on the 17th of May. Families were invited to join us, and they listened in to Pastor Jeff's Bible story and song time and took the obligatory pictures of the students receiving their certificates of completion from Ms. Elva.

We also had our annual all-school picnic at Ft. Nugent Park to wrap up the year with our families. We encouraged families to bring a picnic to enjoy and play to their hearts' desire.

May's Special Students were **Oliva**, **Tristan** and **Atena**. This program is where we ask our families to provide a poster sharing a few photos and a little information about the children. It's fun for our other

families to see, along with our church members who like to stop by the hallway bulletin board and read about the students' favorite things.

Preschool Sunday is an annual event, held this year on the 21st, where we invite families to attend the 10:30 service. The students sing some songs for the congregation – songs they've been learning during chapel time over the course of the year. The preschool staff hosted fellowship time afterwards, with snacks, cake, and punch, and everyone was able to see photos from the **30 years** that His Kids has been a ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church. What an incredible outreach to the local community!

Before everyone signed off, we had the students finish a few more sentences for us, enough to see us through a summer of fun quotes. Here's how they finished the sentence **"I love my mom because..."**

Lona: she takes me to the trampoline park

Julian: we take pictures

Steven: she shares food with me

Tristen: she gives me toys

Samara: she gives me applesauce

Olivia: she takes care of me

Asher: she gives me Monster Trucks

Celia: she gives me candy

Reid: she cooks me dinner and breakfast

Andrew: she gives kisses and makes jokes

Dean: I like the gifts she gives me for my birthday

Victoria: she gives me yummy food and takes me to the park and gives me hugs



A note from Sara

And finally, this is where *my* ministry of being a director of His Kids Preschool ends. At the beginning of the school year, I informed Pastor Jeff, the teachers and the office staff of this being my last year as director. Matt and I were preschool parents in the program, then I served as assistant director, and by now I've been director for 10 years.

I will always be a supporter and a huge fan of what His Kids Preschool is about and what we offer as a program for the children, but this past year has been a particularly difficult one for the Harbaugh family. The preschool deserves to have the focus of someone new to continue with this beautiful ministry and make it grow.

With that in mind, we are welcoming Jasmine Case Hendricks as the new director of His Kids, and we are excited for her to be a part of this next chapter of the preschool! She and her husband have His Kids parent experience and have a good connection with the congregation.

Exhale.

God's Peace – Ms. Sara, along with Ms. Elva & Ms. Michelle

Library News



ur OHLC library is wonderfully stocked with books for all ages and many interests. Whether it is fact or fiction, Bible study or devotions, you will surely find something to take home to enjoy.

We are always looking for new suggestions. If you have a request, please speak to one of our team members or leave a note in the church office. We are here to help. Come check us out!

Book review: *The Mitford Series*, by Jan Karon

Mitford, NC, is a fictional place, though it could be any small town. The novels are Christian-themed and center on the life of the local rector, Father Tim. He and the many residents of Mitford are at the heart of this delightful series. Our library owns several copies. Starting with Book One, *At Home in Mitford*, get lost in the amusing, heartwarming world of village life.

Your library team:

Kathy Holroyd, Colleen Pedlar and Karen Pasewark.



One benefit of summer
was that each day
we had more light to read by.
-Jeannette Walls



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



The deadline for articles for the July newsletter is Tuesday, June 20.



Peg Fosnaugh, worship service flower coordinator, reminds us “*Beauty is always appropriate, as is the love it represents.*” Thank you to those who signed up for Sunday morning flowers, brightening our worship space with bouquets in the chancel and on the organ.



The Brotherhood of St. Bernard (*a.k.a. The Old Dogs*), OHLC’s men’s fellowship & Bible study group, meets at noon at church on Tuesdays, June 13 & 27.

OHLC Women

Opportunities for fellowship, study & service

Blanket Workshop

Blanket Workshop meets **Tuesday & Wednesday, June 6&7, beginning at 9:30AM** to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Newcomers are always welcome, and you don’t have to know how to sew in order to help out. Questions? Contact Leona McKee, 360-675-5712, bcmac68@comcast.net.



Bible Study

Our women’s circles meet regularly for study, fellowship, and occasional service projects. **Newcomers are always welcome!**



Deborah Circle meets every **Thursday in June, 1:00-3:00 PM** in the library. Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey, gaye@tobysuds.com.

Lydia Circle meets **Mondays, June 5&19**, at 6:00 PM in the prayer room. Questions? Contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-929-9127. They’ll be discussing chapters 9 & 10 in the *Resurrection* book.

In July, they’ll take a break from study and start working on items for the Holiday Bazaar (Mark your calendar – the Bazaar will be Nov. 4!). Meetings will continue on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6 PM; bring your own projects or work along with the group.

Fundraiser update: *Bead for Life/Street Business School*

A big thank you to my beloved community of OHLC for supporting the women of Uganda through your recent purchases of beaded jewelry and your monetary gifts and donations.

With the \$271.00 we are sending to Street Business School, more women will increase their income and eventually own their business, therefore lifting themselves and their children out of poverty.

Ubuntu*, Gaye Rodriguey

*(invoking the essential human virtues of compassion and dignity for all)

Compassion Ministry

Focusing on immigration & refugees



The Compassion Team's focus for June is immigration and refugee services. Specifically, this June, the focus is Whidbey Island Community Advocates for Refugee Efforts (WhidbeyCAREs). Started last September by a small group of OHLC members, the group has grown to become a non-denominational community-based organization with the goal of sponsoring a family of Ukrainian refugees.

Working through *Sponsor Circles*, an agency formed by ex and active military personnel who want to help people in war-torn areas, WhidbeyCAREs hopes to welcome a Ukrainian family of four in early fall 2023. After educating themselves through training provided by Sponsor Circles and personal research, WhidbeyCAREs formed a 501(c)(3) non-profit group and began to raise funds. To date the group has appeared in both the St. Patrick's Day and Holland Happening parades, provided a booth at Holland Happening, sponsored a fundraiser afternoon at the movies and solicited donations from individuals.

On June 11, WhidbeyCAREs will host a spaghetti dinner at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall to both raise funds and provide info about needs of household goods for the Ukrainian family.



Inspired by God's command to love our neighbors, WhidbeyCAREs sees both benefits and challenges to sponsoring a family on Whidbey Island.

With over 16,000 Ukrainian refugees in Washington State, our area provides a climate similar to Ukraine's, Ukrainian speakers, availability of Ukrainian foods, and access to people

who understand the Ukrainian culture. The challenges to sponsorship are the unknowns. How long will it be until the family finds employment and affordable housing? Will the family have some members who have experienced trauma from the war? Moving forward through faith, WhidbeyCAREs is thankful for the support of OHLC and the community in prayer, donations, and the willingness of many to support our Ukrainian family.

The WhidbeyCAREs Team

JOSEPHINE NEWS

Josephine Caring Community, Stanwood

Help feed the birds!

Josephine Caring Community has contacted us to help with a special and fun project. Many of their residents were avid gardeners and love nature and the great outdoors. Per Spiritual Care Director, Rev. Eileen Burdick, about 30 residents have birdfeeders outside their windows. In fact, Josephine goes through about 400 lbs. of birdseed each year! Their Activity Department does its best to stretch their budget to purchase seed for those who cannot afford it.



Birdwatching provides meaningful encounters and great joy for many of us, and is especially helpful – and healthful! – for those who are homebound. Studies show that birdwatching can sharpen concentration, decrease stress, and improve long-term mental health.

We at OHLC are being asked to help support Josephine's birdwatching endeavor. This summer, there's a birdfeeder on a stand in the narthex donation center and we welcome your **monetary contributions** towards their birdseed fund. (No actual birdseed, please!) Checks may be written to OHLC, with *Josephine/Birdseed* on the memo line.

Thank you so much in advance for helping with this life-enriching project!

Kathy Holroyd & Laurie Johnson
Congregational delegates for Josephine

Stephen Ministry: training, supervision, and commissioning!

Stephen Ministry Training meets in the library on Thursdays, June 1, 8 & 22, and Saturday, June 17. Thursday classes are 3:30-6:00 PM; the Saturday class starts at 9:00 AM.

Jan Heideger, Leslie Improta and Donna Meyers will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, June 25, at the 9:30 AM worship service. A reception follows in the fellowship hall.

The Stephen Ministry meeting will be on Thursday, June 15, (again a change from our usual 2nd Thursday monthly schedule) at 4:00 PM in the library. The group will be discussing Module T-11, *Using Mental Health Professionals and other Community Resources*, pages 229-253 in Volume 1 of the Stephen Minister Training Manual and the book *When & How to Use Mental Health Resources*.

Gaye Rodriguey

More Compassion Ministry news on the following page

Go Missions International -- Nick & Shannon Kraft, Peru



Check out the narthex bulletin board, where we've posted the latest newsletter from Nick & Shannon Kraft. Their prayer concerns include residents of the nearby city of Chiclayo who are recuperating and rebuilding following combined effects of Cyclone Yacu, political unrest, heat, and now an epidemic of dengue. Prayers, too, please, for a Go Missions-trained group of Bolivians heading for mission work in Afghanistan. Shannon also writes about experiences in the local market and some encouraging news about the power of prayer for physical and family healing among their local connections.



Worship assistants – Summer schedule!!		
June 4		
9:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Moira Bartrand Communion Asst: Peg Fosnaugh Healing Prayer: G. Hawley, C. Reafs	Computer: Donna Aspery Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
June 11		
9:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Rita Carter Communion Asst: Stone family	Computer: Lucas Stone Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst
June 18		
9:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Jeff Margraf Communion Asst: Tracey Tomlin	Computer: Bruce Holroyd Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
June 25		
9:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Paul Senness Communion Asst: Wendy Wilson	Computer: Anders Spencer Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud

Financial Report

April

	<i>April</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$ 35,465	\$ 144,341
Outgo	36,334	151,987
	\$ <u>(869)</u>	\$ <u>(7,646)</u>

Worship Attendance

May

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Apr. 30	60	82
May 7	46	85
May 14	55	87
May 21	53	100
Avg. Att.	54	89

May 28 will be included in next month's statistics.

Average Sunday attendance: 143

Lesser Festivals & Commemorations

June

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Justin, martyr at Rome, c.165 | 21 Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, 1931 |
| 3 The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886; | 24 The Nativity of John the Baptist |
| John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963 | 25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melancthon, renewer of the church, 1560 |
| 5 Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, 754 | 27 Cyril, bishop of Alexandria, theologian, 444 |
| 7 Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866 | 28 Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202 |
| 9 Columba, 597; Aidan, 651, Bede, 735, renewers of the church | 29 Peter & Paul, Apostles |
| 11 Barnabas, Apostle | |
| 14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385, Gregory of Nanzianus, Bishop of Constantinople, c. 389; Macrina, teacher, c. 379 | |

Little Lutheran bags in June: Gaye Rodriguey


Thank you to Barbara Heussmann for volunteering in May!

This month's featured font is **Arial Black**;

drop caps are **SUNNY DAYS**.

JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL <i>SUMMER BREAK!</i> Registration for His Kids Preschool 2023-24 is open to the community. <i>5-day program, morning or afternoon.</i> Space is available in all classes! Contact the church office, 360-679-1561.				1 1:00 Deborah Circle 3:30 Stephen Ministry training 7:00 NA	2 3:00 QUEST CLUB	3
4 Worship 9:30 Piano recital 1:30 CA 7:30	5 5:00 Brass recital 6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	6 9:30 Blanket Workshop 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 9:30 Blanket Workshop 12:30 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday celebrating grads 6:00 Recital	8 1:00 Deborah Circle 3:30 Stephen Ministry training 7:00 Council 7:00 NA	<div>WhidbeyCAREs set-up for Sunday event, fellowship hall</div>	
11 Worship 9:30 Semi-annual mtg. 10:45 Spaghetti lunch 11:30 Youth & Family Night Chalk Art Festival 6:00 CA 7:30	12 6:30 WhidbeyCAREs 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	13 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	14 12:30 W.W. set-up 1:30 Welcome Wednesday <i>last WW of the school year</i>	15 1:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Stephen Ministry supervision 7:00 NA	16 3:00 QUEST CLUB	17 9:00 Stephen Ministry training 11:00 Memorial service, Mike Morgan 4:30 Set up for <i>Donuts With Dads</i>
18 Graduate Recognition Worship 9:30 Donuts With Dads 10:45 CA 7:30	19 6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	20 Newsletter Deadline 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 11:30 OHLC Staff	22 1:00 Deborah Circle 3:30 Stephen Ministry training 7:00 NA	23 3:00 QUEST CLUB	24
25 Stephen Ministry Commissioning Worship 9:30 CA 7:30	26 6:00 North Whidbey NA/fellowship hall 6:30 WhidbeyCAREs	27 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 11:30 OHLC Staff	29 1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA	30 3:00 QUEST CLUB	 DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH