

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



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May **God** continue to  
**bless us**; let all the  
**ends of the earth**  
revere him.

Psalm 67:7, NRSV

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## PASTOR'S PAGE: Summer Sabbatical Stillness

*"Be still, and know that I am God."*

Psalm 46:10

Last month I wrote about my experience with the Doxology program, the first installment of which was a sort of a re-boot camp for pastors. My participation in this renewal program is the first part of the two-part sabbatical plan I proposed to the church council as I came to a sabbatical year here in 2023. I didn't want to take several weeks of extended leave all at once, as I did in 2017. Instead, council approved a different approach. Part one involves my three trips to attend the Doxology program. Part two includes some extra time added to my vacation allotment for rest and further renewal. Now it's time for part two. I will be gone for three weeks in August, from August 1 through the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In her recent New York Times column, Anglican priest Tish Harrison Warren wrote the following about sabbaticals: "For clergy, sabbaticals provide a break from the intense relational and spiritual pressure of running a church or a nonprofit. They are a time for preparation for the future, study, deep reading, prayer, goal setting, vocational discernment and renewal." While the three weeks I'm taking off this month are not nearly as long as a traditional sabbatical, I am looking forward to these extra consecutive weeks away to get off the treadmill of ministry for a bit and do some of the things Warren describes here. Some of you might remember the old "I Love Lucy" episode where Lucy and Ethel get jobs at the chocolate factory. Those chocolates come down the conveyer belt at them relentlessly. Lucy and Ethel have no time to reflect, no time to analyze, no time to refine how they do their jobs. They can only think about the next chocolate coming at them. Sometimes this is what parish ministry feels like, only it is sermons and crises coming at you. Over the first three weeks of August we will have Pastor Laurie Johnson handling the former as she steps in to preach and lead worship, and Pastor David Lura will be on call for the latter, responding to any emergencies. This time off will free up my brain to think about different things, to reflect, to study, and to set goals. I love the parish ministry treadmill and look forward to getting back on it, but some extra time away from it will help me do a better job when I do.

The word 'sabbatical' is related to the word 'sabbath,' the observance of which God commands for all his people in the Third Commandment. God knows all of us need times to refrain from working. God designed us to need rest. The traditional Jewish

observance of this commandment thus forbade all manner of labor. While this could be taken to legalistic extremes, such as when the disciples were accused of harvesting on the sabbath for merely picking at heads of grain for a snack (Matthew 12:1-2), the purpose of the commandment was, and is, to root people in the providence of God. It was, and is, to teach us to trust in God, and not our own labors, our own works. And so, while this commandment is indeed a gift to the bone-tired, it also has a spiritual concern in mind.



**"Be still, and know  
that I am God!"**

Psalm 46:10, NRSV

"Be still, and know that I am God," God says to us through the psalmist. This verse from Psalm 46 captures the deeper purpose of sabbath rest. Physical, literal rest is important, but there is a spiritual purpose in being still as well. In being still we are reminded that God is God, and we are not. We are reminded that God is in control, not us. We are freed from the narcissistic delusions we often have about ourselves, and in this humbling we find the deeper rest that comes from relying on God in all things.

I feel like I should tell you that I will not literally be still while I am off for much of this month. I will be on the move. I will once again be helping my oldest son drive back to school at Texas A&M. Then I will be helping my middle son move back to his apartment at Washington State University. I will also be going on a few college campus visits with my youngest son, who is a senior in high school this year. I'm hoping for a little getaway for just me and my wife too. I've got miles of movement ahead of me! But as I disengage from my phone and set aside the lectionary for a few weeks, I will be still in a different way. My mind will be still, at rest, as I entrust you to the able care of Pastor Johnson and Pastor Lura, learning once again that Oak Harbor Lutheran is God's church, not mine.

I am so grateful for OHLC's sabbatical policy, for this gift of time. Thank you. I hope this summer brings opportunities for you to be still too. Pastors aren't the only ones facing a conveyer belt of demands. As you face yours, be still. Rest in the good news that God is God and you are not.

- Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

## Welcome, Janis!

We're delighted to welcome Janis Powell as OHLC's new Office Manager! Janis has deep roots on Whidbey Island, and many congregation members know her already since she was the longtime office manager at Whidbey Playhouse.



**Just a reminder, OHLC office hours have been changed to 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday.** Janis is in the front office Tuesday through Friday; Martha is in her office down the hall on Monday and then Wednesday through Friday.

## August 27: Worship & picnic on the farm!



Please note we will have **one service at 11:00 AM on Sunday, Aug. 27**, held at the Muzzall farm (938 Scenic Heights Road, Oak Harbor).

We'll have a church picnic following the service. BBQ and beverages will be provided. (Donations to help cover the cost will be welcomed!) Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. Bring a friend too!

## Looking ahead

### Fall adult education: "Why Do We...?"

**P**astor Spencer is putting together a new class for the fall called "Why Do We...?" Each week we will dig into scripture and the Lutheran confessions to explore why we do things the way we do them. Topics so far include:

- Why do we.....go to church?
- Why do we.....have pastors?  
(And why do they dress like that?)
- Why do we.....worship like we do?
- Why do we.....call ourselves Lutherans?
- Why do we.....make the sign of the cross?



Do you have a "Why do we?" question you would like considered for a class this fall? There are several openings for other topics! Send your suggestion to Pastor Jeff at [pastor@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@oakharborlutheran.org).

## GROWING & LEARNING

- WITH BETH STEPHENS

### A new school year is almost upon us!

#### Volunteer opportunities:

**Sunday School teachers, substitutes, and shepherds** are needed! If you're interested in becoming involved in the Sunday School program we'd love to welcome you.

**Munchy Monday is back!** Our first Munchy Monday will be Sept. 11. We need volunteers to act as shepherds on Monday afternoons as well as volunteers who wish to donate food supplies towards this early-release Monday outreach to Oak Harbor High School.

**If you're interested in volunteering** for either of these or would like more information before signing up, please contact Beth Stephens, [bethasteph@gmail.com](mailto:bethasteph@gmail.com) or make a note on an upcoming bulletin insert Connection Card. **ALL volunteers working with children** are required to complete OHLC's Child Protection Policy training and undergo a background check.

**Attention, Parents!** Sunday School registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please return the completed forms to the office ASAP so we can plan our classes. Rally Sunday is Sept. 10!

#### Youth & Family Night, August 20, 6:00 PM, Paint and Sip

Discover your creativity with a little paint, a little lemonade, and a whole lot of fun! Our summer theme is Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*," so join us and try something new! We will be doing a step-by-step guided painting together of Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. Please sign up on a connection card or contact Beth, [bethasteph@gmail.com](mailto:bethasteph@gmail.com), ASAP. We'd like to have some idea beforehand about how many plan to attend so we'll have enough art materials.



#### QUEST CLUB IN AUGUST

Quest Club returns to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays schedule, 3:00-5:00 PM on Aug. 4 & 18.

**New players, youth ages 12+ are welcome!**

Contact Beth Stephens if you're interested in joining the adventure.



# FAITH & FAMILY DAY

## AT THE MARINERS GAME!



For those who signed up for the OHLC trip to the Mariners game on **Saturday, August 26**, here are a few things you need to know. *Please read carefully.*

### Transportation

We have two buses which will take us to T-Mobile Park. **The buses will leave OHLC at 10 AM. Please be in the OHLC parking lot by 9:30 to check in and get your spot.**

If you are NOT riding the bus, please let us know ahead of time by calling the church office.

### Tickets

**T-Mobile Park now exclusively uses digital ticketing.** You will be contacted to arrange to have your tickets sent to your cell phone. If you do not have a smart phone, you will need to buddy up with someone who does. We will be in Section 331, rows 18, 19, and 20.

### Cashless policy

**T-Mobile Park is 100% cashless.** Cashless transactions for concessions and merchandise can be completed with a credit, debit or mobile pay (such as Apple Pay or Google Pay) option only.

### Ballpark policy on purses and bags

Clear plastic or vinyl bags no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" are permitted. One-gallon clear plastic zip-top bags are also allowed.

Security must be able to see inside and identify items to the bottom of the bag. Items may not be used to obscure the view of bag contents, including but not limited to non-clear bags, pouches, etc. Bags with interior contents obscured from view are not allowed.

Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are permitted. (do not have to be clear)

**Backpacks, multi-compartment bags, duffle bags and purses larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are not permitted.** Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items or single compartment diaper bags (child must be present).



Clear stadium-approved bags like the one pictured are available from Amazon and other retailers.

### Make sure to get your T-shirt!

Redeem your limited-edition Mariners-themed Faith and Family Day T-shirt (while supplies last) by bringing your digital ticket to Section 105 before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning!

## ONE (VERY BUSY) DAY AT OHLC

*TUESDAY, JULY 25*

In addition to full day of projects in the church offices, with the newsletter nearing completion and the upcoming Sunday bulletin underway, the Church Mice Stampers creating lovely cards in the library, and Pastor Spencer making occasional appearances out of the relative peace of his study, there were some other things going on around the church:

It was Day 2 of Brass Camp week, with 36 students from Whidbey & Fidalgo islands making music in every(!) available space.





And outside on the "south lawn" at noon, OHLC's men's group, *The Brotherhood of St. Bernard*, enjoyed a picnic and Bible study.





*Photos by Martha Ellis*


## CONGREGATION NOTES

 **STEPHEN MINISTERS** meet for supervision on Thursday, August 10, 4:00-5:30 PM in the library. The group will discuss Module 16, Parts 1&2, *Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care*.

 **WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!** Dave Fosnaugh sends his thanks to those who have been keeping our church lawn mowed this summer. Peg Fosnaugh wants to be sure to thank everyone who helped with the reception following Ken Grigsby's memorial service in July – the wonderful volunteers who brought food, helped with set-up and serving, and stayed on for the clean-up afterwards.


 **OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER** is Amy Hermann. You are welcome to e-mail her, [ohlcbookeeper@gmail.com](mailto:ohlcbookeeper@gmail.com), if you have any Quickbooks or other church account-related questions. Amy has a full-time job aside from her OHLC duties, so please be patient!

 **INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER** is *Prayer Ventures*, offering daily guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. As we pray on August 3 for an end to the wildfires across Canada, we can expand that to cover the wildfires in the western US as well, including extensive stretches of Washington and Oregon.

 **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALWAYS WITH US.** *The Spirit* – the monthly insert from the Northwest Washington Synod – on the other hand, was published last month as a combined July/August issue and was inserted in our *Harbor Beacon* for July. Stop by the church office if you need another copy, or visit the NW WA Synod website, <https://www.lutheransnw.org/>, and scroll down to Latest News.

 **THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES** for the September newsletter is Monday, August 21.

## IN MEMORY

 he congregation of OHLC has lost one more direct link with our earliest days. We received word of the death of **Agnes (Christensen Balda) Bos** on June 28. She was 90, and in recent years had been a resident of Summerhill in Oak Harbor. Agnes was a daughter of congregational charter members Bernard and Verna Christensen, and she was confirmed here as a youth in 1942.



Longtime members may recall her first husband, Harry Balda, married to Agnes from 1947 until his death in 1991, and her second spouse, Glenn Bos, married in 2003 until his death in 2006. Our hearts go out to her family, including her son Wesley Balda and daughters Shelley Cox and Sherri Rossmiller and their extended families, as well as her cousins in our congregation, Anabelle Christensen Mitchell and Gayle Christensen Glass.

A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date.

## WITH APPRECIATION:

Our family extends a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with the celebration for Mike's life. We all felt so blessed. From all the lovely people who came to the service, to all the wonderful ones who served the food and those who prepared it, to those like Mary who did way more than ushering for us, and Beth who took lovely pictures, from Kim who played beautiful music and Sharon and Miria who shared their voices, and to our dear pastor who, without his help, I don't know how I would have made it through it all. I surely felt blessed by all of you. Thanks so very, very much.



Verna Morgan and family

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## LIBRARY NEWS

We now have the complete series of chapter books entitled *The Dead Sea Squirrels*. Yes, you read that right! The author is Mike Nawrocki, the co-creator of the popular children's Veggie Tales books.

*Squirreled Away* is the first book and features 10-year-old Michael and his friend Justin. They sneak into the Dead Sea caves near the archaeological dig where Michael's dad is working. Michael finds two 2,000-year-old petrified squirrels and brings them back to the U.S in his backpack. Michael learns the importance of obedience in this book.

The following ten books of this series promise more escapades and life lessons learned.

Your Library Team encourages everyone – children *and* adults! – to come see what's new and exciting in your library!

Kathy Holroyd, Colleen Pedlar, Karen Pasewark, Carol Reafs



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## HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL

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Before they signed off for the summer, our students let us know what their **favorite preschool memory** was for the year. Here are their answers:

**Celia:** Playing with the puppets

**Tristen:** Playing with my friends

**Asher:** Playing with the toys

**Victoria:** Playing with the dollhouse

**Dean:** Eating snacks and playing outside

**Olivia:** Watching the deer outside and painting

**Steven:** Playing with the toys and cleaning up

**Reid:** Going on field trips like to the marina to feed the fish

**Lona:** eating snacks

**Atena:** Coloring

**Samara:** Playing outside

**Andrew:** Eating snacks

**Julian:** Playing outside

### Registration continues for the 2023-24 school year!

Right now we're concentrating on filling our morning class, **Monday through Friday, 8:15-11:45 AM**. Children need to be 3 years old and potty trained by August 31. Registration information is available in the church office or contact Martha Ellis, [martha@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:martha@oakharborlutheran.org).

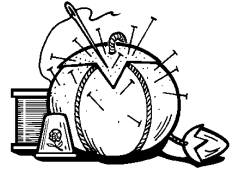
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## OHLC WOMEN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, STUDY & SERVICE

### Blanket Workshop

Blanket Workshop meets Tuesday & Wednesday, August 1&2, 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 in order to help out. For more information, contact Leona McKee, 360-675-5712, [bcmac68@comcast.net](mailto:bcmac68@comcast.net). Contact her, too, if you're interested in sewing quilt tops at home. Materials are provided.

### Circle meetings in August

**Deborah Circle** meets each Thursday in August, starting at 1:00 PM in the library. The Bible study will focus on Session 3, Salvation now – A world wanting wellness, in the July/August 2023 issue of Gather magazine. The Bible study can be downloaded from the Gather website – <https://www.gathermagazine.org>. Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguez, [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com).

**Lydia Circle** meets Mondays, August 7 & 21, at 6:00 PM in the education wing to work on items for the upcoming Holiday Bazaar (Saturday, Nov. 4!). Bring your own projects or work along with the group. Questions? Contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-929-1653.

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## UPDATE FROM REKANN

Former OHLC office manager Rekann Brannon sent word they arrived safely in Dickinson, Texas, and were expecting the arrival of their household goods on July 27 – also the day when the boys were due to fly in. Rekann would like to thank everyone for the baby shower/going away celebration at church on July 9, especially for all the cards of good wishes. She added, "There are a few I have yet to read because I start crying."

Their (temporary) mailing address is on file in the office and – as requested by Rekann & Aaron – we've added them to the *Harbor Beacon* snail-mail list.





# COMPASSION MINISTRY

## OHLC is Spinning in August...

The Compassion Team's ministry emphasis for August is SPiN Café. SPiN – *Serving People in Need* – serves people experiencing homelessness on Whidbey Island as well as community members who might have a place to stay but nowhere to call home, and those whose budget limits are helped by meals and options at SPiN.

**Save the date for Sunday, August 20!** SPiN's Executive Director, Michelle Chapman Hines, will be with us to share the latest news, including an update on their new location, plans for the grand opening, and ways you might be able to help. Join us in the library at about 10:45 AM, after the worship service. Light refreshments and coffee will be available (and your RSVP on a Sunday morning bulletin insert Connection Card will help us make sure we provide enough!).

There will be information available on the narthex bulletin board as well as a few bulletin inserts. **You're invited to make a contribution towards SPiN, above and beyond your regular financial support to OHLC. Please write your check to OHLC, with SPiN on the memo line.**

Ask us if you have questions about SPiN,  
Bob & Carol Wall



## Watoto news: supporting Watoto Child Care Ministries, Uganda

Watoto Child Care Ministries brings hope and healing to vulnerable women and children in Uganda and South Sudan. Oak Harbor Lutheran Church's Watoto Team organizes fundraising projects on their behalf and also sends occasional volunteer teams to work there in person. **Are you interested in learning more?**

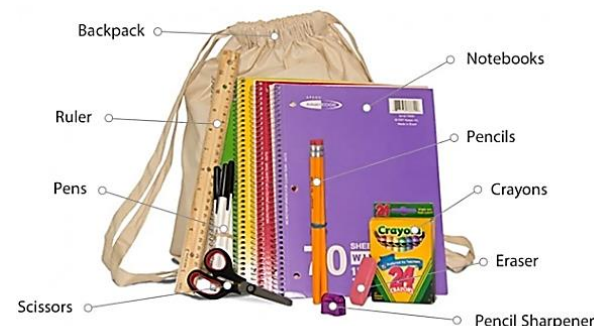
Mark your calendar for **Thursday, August 10, 5:00 PM, for a Watoto Potluck in the home of Skip & Judy Lycksell.** We'll discuss upcoming fundraisers and also consider plans for a trip to Watoto in January 2024.

**If you plan to attend, RSVP to Skip or Judy Lycksell, 360-679-2010, by August 6 or make a note on a bulletin insert Connection Card.** We look forward to catching up with the team and meeting interested new members!



## We're collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits

It is time to take advantage of back-to-school sales and restock OHLC's supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kits. OHLC strives to make 100 school kits annually. Last year, we made 125 kits!



Worldwide, these kits have provided children with the educational tools they need to succeed. According to LWR, many families in northern Iraq are unable to purchase school supplies for their children after years of conflict with ISIS. Recently, LWR has shipped 13,000 school kits to this war-torn region, providing students the supplies they need to return the normalcy of a school routine.

How can you help? We need LOTS of school supplies, especially notebooks! You can purchase items we need from the list below and/or donate money to help OHLC purchase satchels and pay for shipping costs. We're especially in need of the following items:

- ✓ **Pens:** black or blue ball point pens (NO gel pens)
- ✓ **Crayons:** 16 or 24 crayons per pack
- ✓ **Scissors:** children's blunt scissors
- ✓ **Rulers:** 30 cm METRIC rulers (okay if also has inches)
- ✓ **Notebooks:** 70-sheet spiral bound notebooks, 8 x 10.5", college or wide-ruled **[each kit gets 4 notebooks so we need a lot of these!]**

School kits will be assembled by our Sunday School students in September. Please place donations in the School Kit bin located in the narthex. Questions? Contact Kerri at [kerriduchon@gmail.com](mailto:kerriduchon@gmail.com) or call text 360-632-0050. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Kerri Totten



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

*More from Compassion Ministry on the following page.*

## Volunteers needed for roadside clean-up!

**D**id you know that OHLC has a longstanding commitment to keep the litter picked up along a 2-mile stretch of Highway 20 north of Oak Harbor? **Our next roadside clean-up will be Saturday, August 19; we'll meet at church at 8:30 AM** to carpool to the site. **Volunteers need to be at least 15 years old.**

Bags are provided, along with hard hats and reflective vests.

If you have questions, please contact our roadside clean-up coordinator, Jeff Margraf, [jeffmargraf@aol.com](mailto:jeffmargraf@aol.com), 719-258-0055.



## Stephen Ministry: listening ears and empathetic hearts

(from OHLC's website)

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other"

—1 Thessalonians 5:11

The challenges of daily living often place a great burden of stress on our mental, physical and spiritual well-being. For the most part, we live out our complex lives managing our responsibilities on our own, but sometimes our trials go far beyond our ability to cope.



Stephen Ministers are caring Christian laypeople who offer a listening ear and an empathetic heart to people in the congregation who may be facing unbearable stress, loneliness, grief, or chronic illness. They are ready to provide discreet and confidential support to those who are burdened. Stephen Ministers are trained as

supportive listeners for those who may be struggling to make sense of their life crisis.

If you are interested in meeting with a Stephen Minister, contact Gaye Rodriguez, [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com), or Gail Dobbyn, [zayan.kanjo@gmail.com](mailto:zayan.kanjo@gmail.com), or Pastor Spencer, [pastor@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@oakharborlutheran.org).

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

~ WITH GAYE RODRIGUEY

### I leave you love.

I leave you love. Love builds. It is positive and helpful. It is more beneficial than hate. Injuries quickly forgotten quickly pass away. Personally and racially, our enemies must be forgiven. Our aim must be to create a world of fellowship and justice where no man's skin, color, or religion, is held against him. 'Love your neighbor' is a precept which could transform the world if it were universally practiced. It connotes brotherhood and, to me brotherhood of man is the noblest concept in all human relationships. Loving your neighbor means being interracial, interreligious and international."

[from Dr. Bethune's *Last Will and Testament*, 1954]

"Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible."

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, 1955



In 1904, with only \$1.50 to her name, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955), founded the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls (now Bethune-Cookman University).

One of the youngest of 17 children, she was a daughter of former slaves in South Carolina. Throughout her life, Dr Bethune sought to uplift and to buttress the lives of Black Americans through education, politics, and strong leadership. Her endeavors were recognized by those she served, members of the press, presidents of the United States, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and countless others impacted by her words.

Shalom, Gaye

**LOVE**  
YOUR neighbor  
AS YOURSELF.  
*Mark 12:31*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS- SUMMER SCHEDULE!		
<b>August 6</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Moira Bartrand <b>Communion Asst:</b> Janet Smith <b>Healing Prayer:</b> C. Reafs, C. Wall	<b>Computer:</b> Donna Aspery <b>Acolyte:</b> Abby Gray <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Kris Bruland
<b>August 13</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Carol Fitzgerald <b>Communion Asst:</b> Mary Brock	<b>Computer:</b> Bruce Holroyd <b>Acolyte:</b> Matthew Richards <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Kris Bruland
<b>August 20</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Jeff Margraf <b>Communion Asst:</b> Tracey Tomlin	<b>Computer:</b> Lisa Margraf <b>Acolyte:</b> Anna Richards <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Jan Ernst
<b>August 27 – Worship/Picnic at Muzzall Farm – note location &amp; time!</b>		
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Bobbi Miller <b>Communion Asst:</b> Kerri Totten	<b>Keyboard:</b> Verna Morgan

## FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE

	June	Year to date
Income	\$ 32,286	\$ 217,408
Outgo	<u>33,556</u>	<u>223,286</u>
	\$ <u>(1,269)</u>	\$ <u>(5,879)</u>

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JULY

Date	9:30 AM
July 2	112
July 9	148
July 16	123
July 23	119
<b>Avg. Att.</b>	<b>126</b>

July 30 will be included in next month's statistics.

## LESSER FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS AUGUST

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| 8 Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), 1221      | 15 Mary, Mother of our Lord  |
| 10 Lawrence, deacon, martyr, 258                                     | 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153                               |
| 11 Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, 1253                                | 24 Bartholomew, Apostle  |
| 13 Florence Nightengale, 1910, Clara Maas, 1901, renewers of society | 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430<br>Moses the Black, martyr, 405 |
| 14 Maximilian Kolbe, 1941, Kaj Munk, 1944, martyrs                   |  |

**Little Lutheran bags in August:** Trudy Decker  
Thank you to Wendy Wilson for volunteering in July!

**This month's decorative font is** LIGHTFOOT:  
drop caps are **LIGHTFOOT FLUTED**.

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS





"August is like the Sunday of summer," an online meme proclaims. But that means different things to different people.

If you see Sunday as the end of a week — a chance to sleep in, do "nothing," relax and play — then August might be your downtime at the end of a busy summer. If Sunday feels heavy because the onslaught of the work week is approaching, then August may carry the dread of falling leaves and falling temperatures.

But if you view Sunday as a fresh start to the week, then August, with a new school year and new church programming around the corner, can be exciting. And if you honor Sunday as the Sabbath, indeed "August is like the Sunday of summer." God invites us to enjoy these holy days and give thanks to him, the Creator of all seasons.

—Heidi Mann

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<div>AUGUST</div>   						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 Blanket Workshop	2 9:30 Blanket Workshop  1:00 Library Committee	3  1:00 Deborah Circle  7:00 NA, fellowship hall	4  3:00 QUEST CLUB, to 5 PM	5
6  <b>Summer Worship</b> 9:30  CA/library 7:30	7  2:00 Grief support group  6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	8 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard  5:30 Al Anon 7:00 Boy Scouts	9	10 1:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Stephen Ministry 5:00 Watoto potluck <i>at the Lycksells' home</i> 7:00 Council 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	11	12
13 <b>Summer Worship</b> 9:30  CA/library 7:30	14  2:00 Grief support group  6:30 WhidbeyCAREs 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	15  5:30 Al Anon 7:00 Boy Scouts	16	17  1:00 Deborah Circle  7:00 NA, fellowship hall	18  3:00 QUEST CLUB, to 5 PM	19  8:30 Roadside clean-up – meet at OHLC to carpool
20 <b>Summer Worship</b> 9:30 SPiN info gathering 10:45  Youth & Family Night Paint & Sip 6:00 CA/library 7:30	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>  2:00 Grief support group  6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	22 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard  5:30 Al Anon 7:00 Boy Scouts	23	24  1:00 Deborah Circle  7:00 NA, fellowship hall	25	26  <b>Faith &amp; Family Day at the Mariners' game – meet at OHLC at 9:30 AM!</b>
27 <b>Summer Worship &amp; Church Picnic</b> 11:00 -- Muzzall farm -- 938 Scenic Hgts. Rd, OH  CA/library 7:30	28  2:00 Grief support group  5:00 Brass concert 6:30 WhidbeyCAREs 6:00 North Whidbey NA/library	29  5:30 Al Anon 7:00 Boy Scouts	30	31  1:00 Deborah Circle  7:00 NA, fellowship hall	<b>HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL Summer Break!</b>  <b>Registration is underway and open to the community:</b> 5-day program, morning <i>or</i> afternoon, with space available in both classes! Contact the church office, 360-679-1561, or e-mail <a href="mailto:martha@oakharborlutheran.org">martha@oakharborlutheran.org</a>	