

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



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## Doxology - (Re)Boot Camp for Pastors

Last month I spent a week at the Bergamo Center in Beavercreek, Ohio, for the first installment of the Doxology Classic Program. It was kind of like boot camp for pastors, though perhaps “reboot” camp is a better term, as all the participating pastors have been serving congregations for at least a few years. Moreover, the goal of the program is renewing pastors, “rebooting” them for ministry. It certainly rebooted me.

We started every day of the program with worship promptly at 8 AM, which felt like 5 AM for those whose bodies were still on Pacific time, making it feel even more like boot camp. Though weary, Morning Prayer was such an energizing way to start each day. The liturgies were beautiful. We sang psalms and hymns. There was excellent preaching. It was such a joy to be able to worship as a participant. Don’t get me wrong, I love leading worship and preaching, but being able to absorb it all from the pew without the responsibilities of leading was a rare treat and so very life-giving. We gathered again at 8 PM for Evening Prayer, with different psalms, hymns, scriptures, and sermons. It was a rigorous schedule, but also a spiritual feast.

The days were filled with presentations by two alternating presenters: Dr. Beverly Yahnke, a clinical psychologist, and Rev. David Fleming, a seasoned pastor and Executive Director of Doxology: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel. These presentations covered a lot of ground, addressing a number of different challenges and situations which pastors regularly face. The main thread running through all of them was a focus on the classic, biblical model for pastoral ministry as the shepherding of souls (Ephesians 4:11, 1 Peter 5:2) and serving as stewards of the mysteries of Christ (1 Corinthians 4:1). Modern models for ministry, taking many of their cues from secular culture, want pastors to be CEOs, entertainers, entrepreneurs, activists, and/or community organizers. Not only do these models neglect the main thing pastors are called to be and do, but the assumptions and the demands which rapidly accrue from them often lead to dangerous levels of burnout. One vivid word picture painted by a presenter likened it to attempting to juggle chainsaws.

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While the topics were many and varied, they all sought to re-center us pastors on the centrality of our calling as shepherds, which is literally what the word *pastor* means in Latin. More specifically, we are called to be under-shepherds (sheepdogs?) for Christ, the Good Shepherd, taking our cues from him, delivering his Word, his gifts, feeding and tending the souls entrusted to us. This simple reorienting of our true calling as pastors was powerfully renewing for me. It freed me for a renewed focus on the care of souls, which is what drew me to ordained ministry in the first place.

Another big takeaway was that pastors cannot do this work out of our own strength. When we try, we inevitably end up grumpy, discouraged, and exhausted. Those who feed Christ’s sheep need to be fed by him through a rich, disciplined spiritual life. Our strength needs to come from him. This might sound like a no-brainer, and it should be, but it is so easy to forget and start relying on our own stamina or cleverness or compassion.

I asked to do the Doxology program in lieu of a traditional sabbatical this year, and I am so glad I did. It was all I hoped it would be and more. The presenters were fantastic. I thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and conversation with the other pastors. I am now part of the Doxology community, which continues to provide resources for the future. With my tuition also comes up to five additional hours of personal consultation with Dr. Yahnke and Pastor Fleming, which will be great.

The program continues in November with the Encore, which includes participation from at least one member of the congregation. I am grateful that Glenn Cornelius has agreed to travel to Ohio to attend with me. This gathering includes a focus on the ministry of the congregation and brings lay leaders into the conversation.

The third and final installment of the program is the Grand Reunion, to be held in August 2024. For this last gathering, spouses attend with the pastors. Doxology believes in the importance of strong clergy marriages, and so this last gathering includes opportunities for marriage enrichment and attention to the particular issues often faced by pastors’ spouses, providing support and encouragement.

Thank you so much, OHLC, for agreeing to enroll me in the Doxology Classic Program. It was just what I needed. It was intense, but I am rebooted, and there is more yet to come.

- Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

## Semi-annual meeting recap

**A**t our semi-annual meeting on June 11, President Mike Dilley shared highlights from the audit committee's report. While our finances are in good order, we heard about further steps being taken to continue to fine-tune our financial practices for maximum safety, accountability, and transparency. We heard a budget update from Treasurer Mary Brock and learned that we were in the black for the month of May, and are only slightly behind on the year. We were encouraged to maintain regular giving during the summer months by considering using the Tithely app or direct deposits from our banks.

Pastor Jeff shared about his week at the Doxology program in Ohio, gave a staffing update, noted that Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee will be preaching at OHLC on July 16, and expressed appreciation for the congregation's continued love and support. (For more about the Doxology program, see his *Pastor's Page* in this issue of the Harbor Beacon.)

New council members elected include Glenn Cornelius, Sheila Ryan, Paul Senness, and Kerri Totten (filling Ken Grigsby's open seat).

At a council meeting following the semi-annual meeting, the following officers were elected:

President: Paul Senness  
Vice-President: Al Wheeler  
Secretary: Lynda Wallgren  
Treasurer: Mary Brock

Many thanks to outgoing council members Rita Cline, Mike Dilley, and Martin Leukhardt, and to all who attended our semi-annual meeting!

## July 9: Farewell reception for Rekann



As mentioned earlier, after more than six years of serving at OHLC, our office manager Rekann Brannon is moving to Texas with her husband, Aaron Gangi, and the boys. 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.



## July 16: Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee to visit OHLC

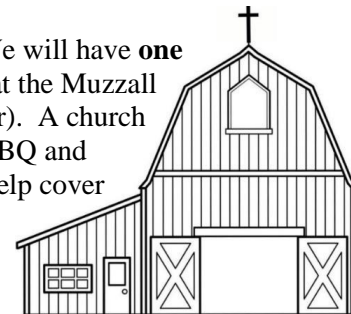
On Sunday, July 16, our Northwest Washington Synod bishop, Shelley Bryan-Wee, will be preaching at OHLC. This is her first visit to our congregation. Let's give her a warm OHLC welcome!

## Save the date:

### OHLC picnic set for August 27

Make sure it's on your calendar! We will have **one service at 11 AM on Sunday, August 27**, at the Muzzall farm (938 Scenic Heights Road, Oak Harbor). A church picnic will be held 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!



## Please note this change:



## Office Hours

**As of Monday, July 17, our church office hours are changing to 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** With the Office Manager position changing to part-time status, the front desk will be occupied by the new staff person on Tuesday through Friday.

Since Martha Ellis' Assistant Secretary job description includes processing Sunday morning Connection Cards, she'll continue to be in on Monday and take Tuesday off from her part-time job (*except during Newsletter Week!*).

## Make a joyful noise!

OHLC's walls and corridors will ring with music during the last full week of the month, Monday through Saturday, July 24-29, as local students from Anacortes to south Whidbey gather for Brass Camp. They'll be using the sanctuary, fellowship hall and other rooms Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM; Saturday, 9 AM-2 PM.



# **YOUTH & FAMILY UPDATES:**

## **Welcome Wednesday winds up (forever???)**

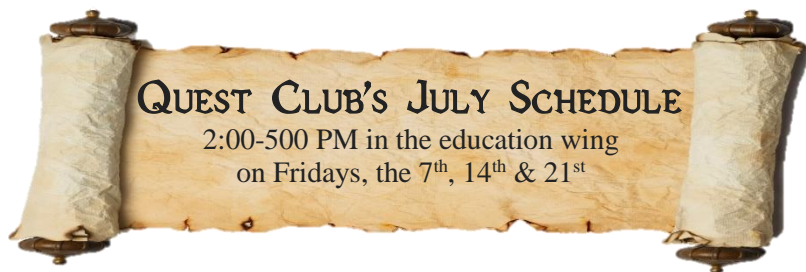
**W**elcome Wednesday, OHLC's early-release Wednesday outreach to Oak Harbor High School students, has come to a close. Forever. *Just Kidding!* Next year early release is moving back to Mondays so we will return to Munchy Monday!

Thank you so much for your support, enthusiasm, delicious homemade and store-bought donations, and the giving spirit that makes this all possible. A special thank you to the volunteers who so graciously gave of their time and talents every week in order to make this a warm and welcoming sanctuary. In addition, a huge thanks to Deborah Circle and YoungLife for their contributions.

The Oak Harbor High School kids appreciate this safe haven so much on early-release days; their smiles, gratitude, and positive energy liven up our hearts and halls. It is a pleasure to provide this place of safety and fellowship. See you all in the fall for the 2023-2024 school year of Munchy Monday!

E-mail me at [bethasteph@gmail.com](mailto:bethasteph@gmail.com) if you are interested in contributing.

Beth Stephens



## **I Can Do All Things Through Christ Bible Fun Run, July 16**



Join us at 6 PM at church and walk or run with us for either 1 mile or 5k and then enjoy a hot dog afterwards.

Each participant will earn a medal to take home.

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

## **Coming up!**

### **Paint and Sip, August 20, 6 PM**

Discover your creativity with a little paint, a little lemonade, and a whole lot of fun!

*More information will be available soon, but we'd like to have some idea beforehand about how many plan to participate* so we're sure to have enough art materials. Make a note on an upcoming bulletin insert Connection Card or contact Beth Stephens, [bethasteph@gmail.com](mailto:bethasteph@gmail.com).



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

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **God's Work. Our Hands.** Sunday. We look forward to this annual September celebration of work we do as the ELCA to love and serve our neighbors!

Let me know if you're interested in a **God's work. Our hands.** yellow t-shirt. They're available in Youth S, M, L, and Adult S-5XL. This is a great shirt to wear as we work together, serving our community; our hands doing God's work!

Beth Stephens

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# **MEN'S MINISTRY**



## **Who let the dogs out?**

On Tuesday, July 25, the Brotherhood of St. Bernard (a.k.a. The Old Dogs) will have their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Picnic.

**Place:** OHLC's "south lawn" at the new outdoor picnic tables

**Time:** Appetizers & social gathering at 11:30 AM  
Lunch/Bible Study from noon to 1:30 PM

A cordial invitation is offered to all men to join us. Please RSVP by making a note on your Connection Card



## IN MEMORY

We received word on Friday, June 25, that **Ken Grigsby** had died. He had been in failing health over the past few months and had been hospitalized at UW Northwest. He was 78.

Ken joined OHLC in 1966. Over his many years of active membership, he was a faithful member of the choir, served on the council, and was a driving force and regular correspondent regarding OHLC's companion synod relationship with St. Katharina's Lutheran Church in Kazan, Russia. His legacy among us includes recipes in the various editions of OHLC cookbooks. Ken was a longtime teacher in the Oak Harbor School District, host for foreign exchange students over the years, a seasoned world traveler, and a pillar of the Whidbey Playhouse. He will be missed.

There will be a memorial service for Ken at OHLC on Thursday, July 6, with open-casket visitation, 1:00-1:45 PM, and the service at 2:00.



### Graveside service scheduled at Maple Leaf for Don Fosso

Rick, Steve & Dan – the sons of Don Fosso – and their families send heartfelt greetings and thanks for the cards of sympathy and prayer support these past few months from their friends at OHLC.



Don's membership had been transferred to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fernandina Beach, FL, and his memorial service was held there following his death this past February.

**There will be a graveside service for Don at Oak Harbor's Maple Leaf Cemetery on Saturday, July 15, at 11:00 AM.**

The service will be followed by an **informal Celebration of Life reception at Skagit Golf & Country Club, 16701 Country Club Dr., Burlington, 1:00-4:00 PM** (a location chosen to better accommodate family and friends coming from further south.) It's north of Highway 20, via Avon-Allen Rd. Dan Fosso sends word that casual attire is fine, and "Please do not bring lutefisk."

## HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL

*A ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church*

**H**is Kids Preschool is out for the summer! Luke, the classroom rabbit, has gone back to Ms. Debbie's farm for some peace and quiet, and the local birds (and deer) are probably wondering why the birdfeeder isn't being kept filled by the back door.

Before our students picked up all their art projects and headed out the door, they took the time to finish the sentence, *"I love my dad because..."*

**Samara:** he plays with me

**Steven:** he cooks dinner

**Lona:** he reads to me every night

**Tristen:** he takes me to Walmart

**Dean:** he plays video games with me

**Celia:** he gives me candy and plays with me

**Andrew:** he makes silly jokes and I make him laugh more than mom

**Reid:** he jumps and skips

**Julian:** he reads stories with me

**Asher:** he plays with me

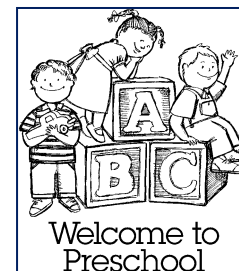
**Victoria:** he makes me cereal

**Olivia:** he wrestles with me

### 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](mailto:martha@oakharborlutheran.org), if you'd prefer to receive a pdf version via e-mail.



## Opportunities for fellowship, study & service

### Blanket Workshop

Quilters, take note! Because our normal 'first Tuesday' start date falls on Independence Day, we're changing workshop days to **Wednesday & Thursday, July 5&6**, starting at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. As usual, we'll be working on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Newcomers are always welcome, and you don't have to know how to sew to help out. For more information, contact Leona McKee, 360-675-5712, [bcmac68@comcast.net](mailto:bcmac68@comcast.net).

Thank you to OHLC's own Mike Dilley and Jeff Margraf for transporting our boxes of 54 quilts and 63 health kits (along with the shipment from Concordia Lutheran) to the recent Lutheran World Relief ingathering in Bothell!

### Circle meetings in July

OHLC's women's circles meet regularly for study, fellowship and occasional service projects. Newcomers are always welcome! For more information, contact the church office, 360-679-1561.

**Lydia Circle meets Mondays, July 3, 17 & 31**, at 6 PM in the education wing to work on projects for their upcoming Holiday Bazaar (November 4). Bring your own projects or work along with the group! Questions? Contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-929-1653.

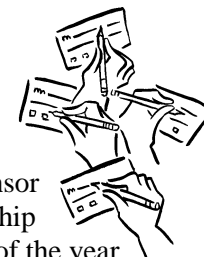
**Deborah Circle meets Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27**, at 1:00 PM in the library. Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey, [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com).



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

The deadline for articles for the August newsletter is Wednesday, July 19.

Remember to check out our church library for some great summer reads (for all age levels)! You'll find nonfiction, fiction, history, mystery, resources for issues such as health, caregiving, prayer, and much more!



### Flowers for worship services

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to sponsor flowers for the chancel and the organ during Sunday worship services! There are still a few spots available for the rest of the year, so check the chart outside Pastor Spencer's office door and see if a particular Sunday is a perfect fit for you.

Flowers are \$45 for a chancel bouquet and \$35 for the organ. Just sign up and Peg Fosnaugh will contact you for your choice of type and colors of flowers and the wording you'd like to have printed in the bulletin.

### Sunday morning coffee fellowship sponsorship

Coffee fellowship after worship is a great opportunity to greet new visitors to OHLC, make the acquaintance of new members, or catch up with longtime congregation friends you may not have seen in a while. It's especially nice during the summer months when we're all together on Sunday morning for ONE service!

Could you provide a plate or two of cookies, fruit, or veggies? Help with clean-up afterwards? Experienced assistance is always available from people who know how to operate the dishwasher and/or the coffee makers.

Pick a Sunday and sign up as a family or a group; you'll find the chart on the white board beside the door to the kitchen in the fellowship hall.

### Thank you to our volunteers!

OHLC is blessed with wonderful people who use their time and talents to God's glory in so many ways. You sign up to mow the lawn, to make coffee and bring cookies, to bring food for celebrations and memorial services, to wash dishes, to empty and replenish supplies in the Little Lutheran bags, to transport donations to Help House, and so much more. We pray for many blessings for all of you, as you are such a blessing to your church family!

Peg Fosnaugh

## **July's focus is North Whidbey Help House**

**O**ur community food bank since 1977, North Whidbey Help House operates with the following mission: "To provide assistance to those in need in our community in an impartial and dignified manner."

They provide emergency/supplemental food, assistance through the North Whidbey Medical Help program, and health & welfare checkups via their tele-care program.

During the recent month of March, they gave out 1,218 food baskets that fed 2,400 people; compare that to the same time frame in 2022: 1,051 food baskets that fed 2,267 people.

You're invited to bring a can or two of nonperishable food for Help House whenever you stop by OHLC. Our Sunday morning bulletin info sheet insert always lists their monthly emphases for food donations. Please note they're also always in need of paper or plastic grocery bags! Donations may be placed in the Help House bin in the donation center in the church narthex.

We look forward to Help House director Jean Wieman's presence with us at worship on Sunday, July 16! She'll give us an update on their recent activities and fill us in about the upcoming annual **Christmas in July** appeal.

**NORTH  
WHIDBEY  
HELP  
HOUSE**

## **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 1.** We look forward to catching up with the team and meeting interested new members!

## **WhidbeyCAREs Dunk Tank gang needs baseball catchers!**

Well – maybe it's more like baseball chasers...

**Come to our Dunk Tank** at the corner of SE Pioneer Way and Ireland St. for Oak Harbor's Independence Day Celebration Street Fair and help chase and retrieve the baseballs used for the dunk tank targets. **Saturday, July 1, 10 AM – 2 PM, or Sunday, July 2, 12-3 PM or 4-6 PM.** Volunteer chasers will each get one set of 3 balls to throw at a "dunkee." Contact Bob Wall if you'd like to help, 310-991-7830.

So who's in the hot seat (or the wet seat)? The intrepid volunteers include Dwight Lundstrom (7/1, 12-2 PM, representing OH Schools), Al Wheeler (Sunday, 7/2, 2-4 PM, representing OHLC) and Shane Hoffmire (4-6 PM on Saturday & Sunday, on behalf of the OH City Council and mayoral race), and others.

You're also invited to **walk with WhidbeyCAREs in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade!** Wear the Ukrainian colors of yellow and blue and meet at 8:15 AM at the home of Bob & Carol Wall, 1537 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Oak Harbor

WhidbeyCAREs (*Whidbey Island Community Advocates for Refugee Efforts*) is a community organization formed to sponsor a family of Ukrainian refugees. Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:30 PM at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church. The WhidbeyCAREs Team thanks you for your contributions and continued prayer support.





# LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

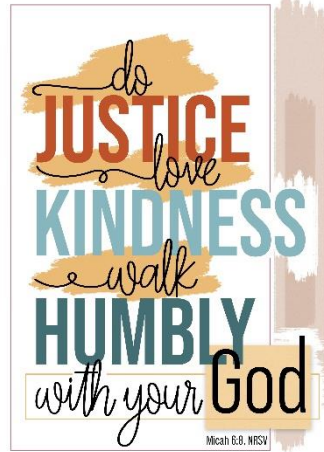
- with Gaye Rodriguey

## What does God want?

**W**hat is God's will for my life?  
What is my purpose and calling?  
What can I do to please God?

In the New Testament, Jesus provides the answer to those questions by telling His followers to love God and love people. In the Old Testament, the prophet Micah—empowered by the Holy Spirit—summarized God's will for Israel by saying:

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8 ESV)



These words were penned during a time when God's people were trying to please Him with sacrifices, offerings, and going through religious motions, while living lives of deception, violence, and pride. But as the prophet Hosea writes, “I [God] desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.” (Hosea 6:6 NIV)

God is after our heart motives, not our outward religious activity or begrudging obedience.

Let's break down what God desires of us:

**Do justice.** Doing justice requires faith and actions working together: helping the hurting, defending the weak, dealing fairly with the people we encounter, and speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. In other words, to do justice, we must love others as we love ourselves.

**Love kindness.** The mercy of God is an extreme kindness. And because we've been shown undeserved kindness by Him, we can show undeserved kindness to others. God desires these things more than endless “I'm sorry” speeches. God is kind to the grateful and the wicked (Luke 6:35), so we should be, too.

**Walk humbly.** Be teachable. Be moldable. Remember: You're not God. You have limitations. You need a Creator and Savior. You're only here because God spoke you into existence. So confidently embrace who you are, and who you are not, because it's when we live fully surrendered to God that He does incredible things through us.

Seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly—that is what God wants from us. So in a world that's saturated with injustice, hatred, and arrogance, let's be people marked by these three things.

*YouVersion Devotional*  
June 10, 2023

# IN APPRECIATION

May 10, 2023

Dear Pastor Jeff, Tom Piper, and the Oak Harbor Lutheran family,

We are writing to you today to express our gratitude for your hosting and hospitality as The Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers (PMGS) visited Oak Harbor Lutheran Church on April 15 & 16. From our perspective, Saturday's concert was a success, and participating in Sunday's worship services was an added blessing for us!

It is the underlying mission of PMGS to help people in our community, and the world, discover the life-changing power of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We do this by presenting the truth of the gospel through high quality gospel singing on our concerts, wherever that may be. It was our privilege to bring that mission in song to you. You blessed us with your invitation. Our prayer is that all of you were blessed in return. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Roger N. Dickson  
President, PMGS

Michael Rivers  
Conductor, PMGS





<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS- Summer Schedule!</b>		
<b>July 2</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Moira Bartrand <b>Communion Asst:</b> Peg Fosnaugh <b>Healing Prayer:</b> Tom Piper, Marc Stroud	<b>Computer:</b> Donna Aspery <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Jan Ernst
<b>July 9</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Sharon Erickson <b>Communion Asst:</b> Candi Amarelo	<b>Computer:</b> Sam Richards <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>July 16</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Jeff Margraf <b>Communion Asst:</b> Tracey Tomlin	<b>Computer:</b> Kale Totten <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Jan Ernst
<b>July 23</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Kathy Holroyd <b>Communion Asst:</b> Wendy Wilson	<b>Computer:</b> Norman family <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Kris Bruland
<b>July 30</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Leslie Improta <b>Communion Asst:</b> Gisela Hawley	<b>Computer:</b> Lucas Stone <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Kris Bruland

Little Lutheran bags in July: Wendy Wilson  
Thank you to Gaye Rodriguey for volunteering in June!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**MAY**

	<i>May</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$ 40,765	\$ 185,120
Outgo	<u>37,643</u>	<u>189,730</u>
	\$ <u>3,122</u>	\$ <u>(4,610)</u>

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**JUNE**

Date	9:30 AM
May 29	144 (8:00 + 10:30 AM)
June 4	116
June 11	128
June 18	126
June 25	125
<b>Avg. Att.</b>	128

## LESSER FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS JULY

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|--|---|
| 1 Catherine Winkworth, 1879; John<br>Mason Neale, 1866; hymn | 22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle  |
| 4 Thomas, Apostle  | 23 Birgitta of Sweden, 1373,<br>renewer of the church   |
| 6 Jan Hus, martyr, 1415                                      | 25 James the Elder, Apostle   |
| 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte<br>Cassino, c. 540     | 28 Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750,<br>Heinrich Schütz, 1672<br>George Frederick Handel,<br>1759, musicians |
| 12 Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of<br>Uppsala, 1931              | 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus of<br>Bethany; Olaf, king of<br>Norway, martyr, 1030                        |
| 17 Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary<br>to the Indies, 1566 |   |



### Summertime splendor


One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory."

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word. Thomas Merton writes, "By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."

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# JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> <b>Summer Worship</b> 9:30  CA/library 7:30	<b>3</b>  6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	<b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> <i>Church office closed</i>	<b>5</b> 9:30 Blanket Workshop	<b>6</b> 9:30 Blanket Workshop <i>Note this change!!</i>  1:00-1:45, visitation 2:00 <b>Memorial service</b> , Ken Grigsby 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	<b>7</b>  2:00 QUEST CLUB, to 5:00	<b>1</b>  <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Summer Worship</b> 9:30 Send-off for Rekann 10:45  CA/library 7:30	<b>10</b> 2:00 Grief Group  6:30 WhidbeyCAREs 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	<b>11</b> 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	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  1:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Stephen Ministry 7:00 Council 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	<b>14</b>  2:00 QUEST CLUB, to 5:00	<b>15</b>  11:00 <b>Graveside service</b> , Don Fosso, Maple Leaf 1:00 Gathering afterwards Skagit Golf & C.C. 16701 Country Club Drive, Burlington
<b>16</b> <b>Summer Worship</b> 9:30 <i>Guest preacher,</i> <i>Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee</i>  Youth & Family Fun Run/Walk 6:00 CA/library 7:30	<b>17</b> 2:00 Grief Group  6:00 Lydia Circle 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	<b>18</b>  5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>19 Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>20</b>  1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	<b>21</b>  2:00 QUEST CLUB, to 5:00	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Summer Worship</b> 9:30  CA/library 7:30	<b>24</b>  6:30 WhidbeyCAREs 7:00 North Whidbey NA/library	<b>25</b> 10:00 Church Mice 11:30 Picnic: Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>B* R* A* S* S* C* A* M* P*</b> – sanctuary/fellowship hall/library/ed. wing – <i>Monday through Friday 9 AM – 5 PM; Saturday, 9 AM – 2 PM</i>						
<div> <div> <b>30</b>  <b>Summer Worship</b> 9:30   CA/library 7:30 </div> <div> <b>31</b>  2:00 Grief Group   6:00 Lydia Circle  7:00 North Whidbey  NA/fellowship hall </div> <div>  <p> This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  his hand the wonders wrought. </p> <p> <i>Maltbie D. Babcock</i>  <i>ELW 821, Stanza 1</i> </p> </div> <div> <p> <b>HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL</b>  <b>Summer Break!</b>  <b>Registration is underway</b>  <b>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> </p> </div> </div>						