

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



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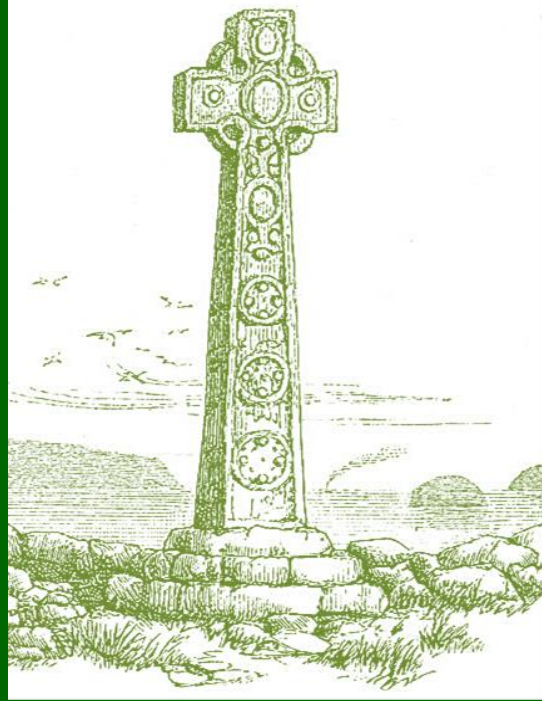
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## Pastor's Page: Evangelism Lessons from St. Patrick

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20

St. Patrick's Day is known to be a day of revelry. In fact, I saw a recent story on a business news website which said that St. Patrick's Day is the highest grossing day of the year for U.S. bars, with a whopping 174% increase in beer sales. Much of the beer sold is Ireland's famous Guinness stout, while other sales include pitchers and pints of light American lagers turned green with a drop of food coloring. I've always thought this was a bizarre way to celebrate a saint's day, and especially Patrick's. After all, Patrick was actually British, not Irish. He was a Christian missionary, not a drunken leprechaun. He didn't bring green beer to Ireland. He brought the gospel. I don't mean to be a party pooper, but perhaps a more appropriate way to celebrate would be with tea and crumpets at a Bible study.

In all seriousness, Patrick, who died on March 17, 461 A.D., continues to offer some lessons in evangelism for the church today. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland. He managed to escape after spending six years in slavery to his pagan captors. He credited his Christian faith for helping carry him through those brutal years, and after making his way back home to Britain he studied for the ministry and was ordained as a priest. Eventually he returned to Ireland as a missionary. He wrote that he was motivated to share the gospel by "the zeal of God, the truth of Christ, and the love of neighbors and friends." (*Letter*, 1) In explaining his decision to return to the very people who had enslaved him, he wrote: "It is from within me that holy mercy arises which I show towards this people." (*Letter*, 10)



Patrick is a good example of what is sometimes called relational evangelism. This is the oldest and most effective form of evangelism there is. Unlike the attractional model, which seeks to draw new members through attractive programs and entertainment-style worship, in

the relational model Christians go out to others, meeting them where they are. Rather than trying to lure others into our Christian enclaves, we go out into the world, interacting with and hopefully befriending others, sincerely caring for them until we are given an opportunity to witness to our faith or invite them to our church.

Numerous surveys have been conducted by church growth organizations, and the results have been pretty consistent for a long time now. About 2% of new churchgoers say they started coming because they saw an advertisement. About 6% came because they were invited by the pastor. Another 6% said they came because of an organized evangelism campaign. ***An overwhelming 86% said they came because they were invited by friends or relatives.*** Relational evangelism works. It isn't easy. It isn't a quick fix. But it works.

As our culture becomes more secular – more pagan even – and more hostile to Christian faith, it is tempting to become resentful of those who do not share our faith, our values, our worldview. We become especially resentful when we feel we are being treated poorly. However, this must not become an excuse for an unloving attitude towards our unbelieving and increasingly hostile neighbors. Resentment will bring exactly no one to faith in Christ. Patrick evangelized an entire country not with zeal and truth alone, but also with love of neighbor and with holy mercy.

Sadly, modern Ireland is looking more and more like the pagan Ireland of the fifth century, having recently been described as the most rapidly secularizing country in Europe. Our country is going through a similar trend of secularization as worship attendance is in sharp decline in the United States and Christianity is treated with contempt by many social elites. Patrick can show us the way once again. His bravery can embolden us to "go," carrying out the Great Commission by going out into the world Christ came to save to make disciples. We need to go out with zeal, yes, but we also need love. People won't care about what we know if they don't know that we care. We need truth, absolutely, but we also need holy mercy towards the very people who sometimes treat us poorly.

St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year. Forget the green beer. The most St. Patricky thing you could possibly do would be to invite a friend to church.

Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

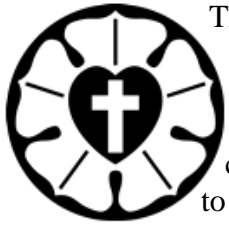
# The Seasons of Lent & Easter

OHLC is “going Large” this Lent

The theme for our midweek Lenten services this year is:

## Down-to-Earth Discipleship

*Meditations on Luther’s Large Catechism*



Through scripture, sermon, and song, we are reflecting on the essential teachings of the Christian faith as taught by Martin Luther in the Large Catechism, which for centuries has been cherished and celebrated as a down-to-earth guide to discipleship. (A copy of the *Large Catechism* is not necessary for these midweek services.)

**Midweek Lenten worship services are held at noon & 6:00 PM.**  
**Simple meals of soup & bread follow at 12:30 & 6:30 PM.**

This will also be our topic of study on Sunday mornings during Lent as we meet at 9:15 AM in the church library for:

## Down-to-Earth Discipleship, Continued

*Conversations on Luther’s Large Catechism*

- March 3:** Commandments 7-10
- March 10:** The Creed
- March 17:** The Lord’s Prayer
- March 24:** Baptism and The Sacrament of the Altar

A copy of the *Large Catechism* is necessary for this class. Extra copies are still available!

**Easter Flowers:** On Easter morning, we will adorn our sanctuary with flowers in celebration of Jesus’ resurrection. **We invite you to reserve one or more plants in memory or in honor of loved ones. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 10.** Order forms are available as a bulletin insert, or stop by the office and pick one up, or use the page from the February newsletter.



## Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

**March 28:**

**Maundy Thursday worship, 7:00 PM**

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

**March 29:**

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

Held at mid-day and evening, these powerful services include the reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus punctuated by song and the progressive extinguishing of candles. Easter joy is that much sweeter when you make it a priority to commemorate the crucifixion. Join us!

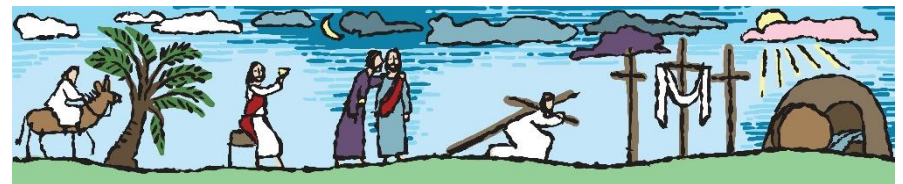
**March 31:**

**Easter Sunday worship**

We look forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with festival worship services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM. Invite your friends and neighbors for this day of celebration!

**Easter Sunday breakfast**

You’re invited to a delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday, served in Herrigstad Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.





# Youth & Family Ministry

## with Beth Stephens



### Youth & Family Night: Pretzels and Prayer

Join us on Sunday, March 3, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM as we enjoy warm, soft pretzels and all kinds of delicious dipping sauces. We'll also explore the relationship between pretzels, prayer, and the season of Lent. All are welcome for this fun night of faith and family!

### Come along on the adventure!

**QUEST CLUB** is open to youth of all skill levels, age 12 and up. Join the Dead Sea Squirrels adventuring party in a TTRPG game based on Dungeons & Dragons 5E as they travel through the lands and time of the Bible on a quest to track down the missing Magi and discover more about a mysterious prophecy. For more info, contact Beth Stephens, [bethasteph@gmail.com](mailto:bethasteph@gmail.com).



**NOTE THIS CHANGE IN SCHEDULE:** March's Quest Club meetings are **Sundays, the 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 PM** in the education wing.

**NEW PLAYERS:** Sign-up ahead is preferred for character creation, but not required.

**GROWNUPS!** Are you interested in seeing what Quest Club is all about? Contact Beth Stephens to sign up for an introductory tabletop roleplay adventure: *Terror of the Terrasque* (inspired by the legend of St. Martha) to experience the fun yourself on April 20.



*During Easter Breakfast  
on March 31:  
There will be an Easter Egg Hunt  
at 9:15 AM  
for children age 10 and younger.*

### Aftermath of the "snowfall"

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Indoor Snowball Fight was held Sunday, Feb 18. Congratulations to all our competitors, our winning team, the voted MVP, and to those sneaky individuals who added to the chaos from the sidelines. Fun, fellowship, and pizza were enjoyed by all. Our "snowballs" – hand-crafted from trimmings from Blanket Workshop quilt batting – have gone back to storage. They'll be out again next winter, and the Snowglobe Award will once again be up for grabs!



**Winning team:** Kale Totten, Lucas Stone, Sam Richards



**MVP:** Sam Richards  
Photos by Beth Stephens

### Library News

There will be a display of Lenten and Easter books from our church library, available in the narthex for the first 2 weeks in March (and then will be displayed in the library for the remainder of the month). Please check out a selection for your reflection during this holy season.




As always, if you have any library questions, suggestions, or would like information about making a donation, please contact one of us.

Your library team,  
Kathy Holroyd, Colleen Pedlar, Carol Reafs


The **One Thing Book Group** meets on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 PM in the home of Gail Dobbyn, 754 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Oak Harbor. The book for discussion is *Daring to Drive: A Saudi Woman's Awakening*, by Manal al-Sharif.

# OHLC News and Events

## In loving memory of Karola

 **Karola Cornelius**, a member of OHLC for over 10 years along with her husband Glenn, was received into the Church Triumphant on February 22. Please keep Glenn and their extended family and friends in your prayers as they mourn her passing. There will be a private graveside committal service; a celebration of Karola's life is being planned for some time after Easter.

## Celebrate Pi(e) Day on March 10!


 Join us after our 10:30 service on Sunday, March 10 as we celebrate Pi(e) Day! What is Pi(e) Day? Pi is a mathematical term which refers to the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter: 3.1415. When March 14 rolls around each year (3/14), people use it as an excuse to eat pie.




We'll be celebrating Pi(e) Day early this year, on the 10<sup>th</sup>, but as we do so we'll be giving thanks to God our Creator, who brought into existence both pi and pie!

Pie bakers are encouraged to sign up via the Connection Card to bring pie; we'll also need some help with serving and clean up. All are welcomed. Thanks to Rita Cline for keeping this tasty OHLC tradition going!

## Confirmation class meets March 17

 Confirmation class will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, March 17. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend with their student. Mark your calendars and be sure and complete sessions 7-8 in your workbooks before we gather.

## New members welcomed to OHLC!

 On Sunday, February 11, we welcomed seven new members to Oak Harbor Lutheran Church: **Teresa Butz, Bryce & Lori Gayhart, John Hermendorfer, Zona Raelson, John Ryan, and Tammy Snyder.** Be sure to seek out these new folks and give them a warm OHLC welcome!



**ELCA World Hunger**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## ELCA's Sharon Magnuson to visit OHLC, March 17

Sharon Magnuson will be visiting on Sunday, March 17, as part of March's *Ministry of the Month* focus. She is the Mission Funding Director of the **ELCA Hunger Appeal**. See the related article on pg. 8.

## Deadline approaches for scholarship applications!

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church's Theresa Ferguson Memorial Scholarship offers **\$1,000-per-year renewable scholarships for any type of post-secondary education.**

The **deadline for applications** for the 2024-25 school year is **Wednesday, May 1**. Application forms are available in the church office, or contact Roshel Donwen, 360-929-0136, [roshel@3sistersbeef.com](mailto:roshel@3sistersbeef.com).



## Ushers needed!

Usher duties include greeting people as they arrive for worship services, handing out bulletins, directing people forward for communion, and collecting the offering. (Training is available!) Under usual circumstances, we need 2 ushers for the 8 AM services and 4 at the 10:30.

Can you help? Make a note on a bulletin insert Connection Card, leave a message in the church office, 360-679-1561, or contact Martha Ellis, [martha@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:martha@oakharborlutheran.org).



## Peg sends her thanks

Thank you for the texts, calls and cards I've received since my surgery. All of those positive notes really help! I'm recuperating at our daughter's home in Stanwood while Davy is home holding the fort and taking care of the animals. (Thank you to everyone who's making sure he's eating!)

Much love to everyone – I miss all the smiles and hugs!

peg fosnaugh

# His Kids Preschool

## *A ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church*

February took the preschoolers on a journey of experiences as they learned about the 5 senses: sight, touch, taste, smell, and hearing. They explored each of these through special activities and projects, a favorite being trying to match scents in saltshakers to their origin. They ended the month with the annual Tasting Party, where each student is encouraged to try different foods. (As a mom, I wished them luck!)



The kiddos also received a visit from Ms. Sara who went over dental health, showing them all the ins and outs of how to properly brush and floss, and just how important our teeth are to us and our health. The students were so excited to take home new toothbrushes and timers for more practice at home!



Our Valentine's Day was filled with love and excitement as the class held a Valentine's Day party on the day itself. Students enjoyed valentine treats and handing out their cards to one another. Valentines came home in a personalized heart envelope each one had made earlier in the month. It was an exciting day for all!

Students also received a visit from Ms. Jasmine, who went through the process of preparing and baking cookies for decoration, with a focus on the 5 senses. Students got to see the different ingredients go together, smell them while they mixed, feel them while rolling out the dough, hear the mixer mix them up and eventually taste the cookies they decorated.

We continued our **Star Student** program, celebrating **Reid** (also a birthday boy on his week), **Elizabeth**, and **Hannah** (also a birthday girl on her week) as our students of the week! During their week they are given special jobs, such as line leader and getting to hold the flag during the pledge.

Here's how our students completed the sentence, "*When I grow up, I want to be...*"

**Maren:** a scientist like Momma  
**Karter:** a police officer  
**Everett:** a scientist  
**Jomari:** a dad and a doctor  
**Brayden:** a police officer

**Liam:** a scientist  
**Wren:** a nurse  
**Harper:** a teacher  
**Theo:** a mechanic  
**Celia:** a doctor

**Reid:** a dentist  
**Elizabeth:** a princess  
**Abby:** a builder, like building houses

**Jacob:** an astronaut  
**Hannah:** a doctor


As a final note, I also wanted to profusely thank the congregation for your gifts and support during January's Ministry of the Month focus. My appreciation for the funds received and affirmations of support cannot be fully described, especially as we enter registration time for next year. I look forward to making classroom improvements and have felt a lifting of weight off many shoulders that have carried worries. Thank you, many times over, for seeing and supporting His Kids Preschool in its journey!


### Registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins in March!


We open our registration in groups: March 6 for current students and siblings, March 13 for friends and family of OHLC, and March 20 for the community.


We will offer **two class options** next year: a **3-day preschool program for younger students** and a **3-day preschool AND 2-day Kindergarten Prep (5-day total) program for older students**. Watch for advertising to come, and we appreciate any help in getting the word out.

Ms. Jasmine, Ms. Elva, Ms. Michelle, and Ms. Debbie

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

 **The deadline for articles** for the April newsletter is Wednesday, March 20.

 **Stephen Ministers** meets for supervision on Thursday, March 14 at 4:00 PM in the library.

 **OHLC's men's group, *The Brotherhood of St. Bernard***, meets for lunch, fellowship and Bible study on Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, at noon in the fellowship hall.



## OELC Women

*Opportunities for fellowship, study, service*

### Blanket Workshop

**B**lanket Workshop meets Tuesday & Wednesday, February 6&7, beginning at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Newcomers are always welcome, and a knowledge of machine-sewing isn't necessary.

Questions? Contact Leona McKee, 360-675-5712, [bcmac68@comcast.net](mailto:bcmac68@comcast.net)

### Circle meetings in March

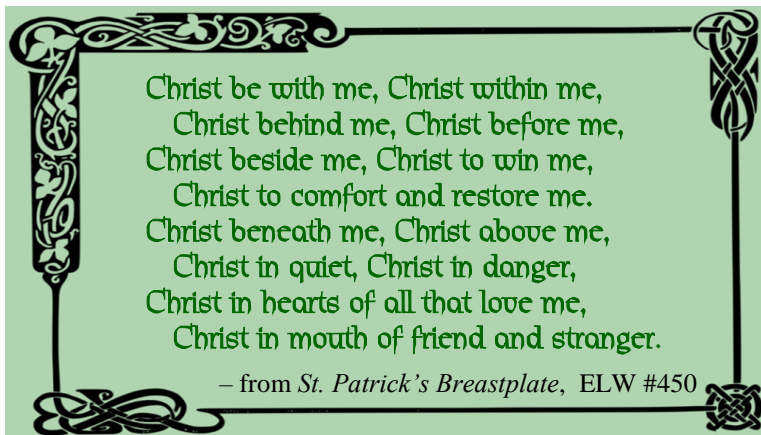


**Lydia Circle** meets in the prayer room at 5:30 PM on Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, to continue study in Carolyn Nystrom's *Friendship: Growing Side by Side*, part of the *LifeGuide Bible Studies* series. Questions? Contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-675-2821, or Mary Brock, [mkb1998@comcast.net](mailto:mkb1998@comcast.net).



**Deborah Circle** meets every Thursday, 1:00-3:00 PM in the library, continuing the Bible study *Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith* in *Gather* magazine, a publication of the Women of the ELCA. Loaner copies are available if you don't have a current subscription. Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey, [gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com), or talk to Martha Ellis in the church office.

- 3/ 7 Jan./Feb. 2024 *Gather*, Session 2, *Creatures*, pgs. 26-28
- 3/14 Jan./Feb. 2024 *Gather*, Session 2, *Creatures*, pgs. 29-31
- 3/21 Mar./Apr. 2024 *Gather*, Session 3, *Rivers*, pgs. 14-16
- 3/28 Mar./Apr. 2024 *Gather*, Session 3, *Rivers*, pgs. 17-19



## Loving our Neighbors ~ with Gaye Rodriguey

### Bring About Transformation

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

**T**here is an old saying, "To your own heart be true," which probably is an erroneous quote of the great line in Hamlet, "to thine own self be true". Nonetheless, it's a great line of wisdom when you think of trusting God with all your heart and being truthful to that heart.

*Henri Nouwen writes:*

"Have courage," we often say to one another. Courage is a spiritual virtue. The word *courage* comes from the Latin word *cor*, which means "heart". A courageous act is an act coming from the heart. A courageous word is a word arising from the heart. The heart, however, is not just the place where our emotions are located. The heart is the center of all thoughts, feelings, passions, and decisions." [A *Courageous Life*, Henri Nouwen Society, <https://henrinouwen.org>.]

Jesus was asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" He replied, "'Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these"(Mark 12: 28-31 NIV).



Here we have foundational meaning of trusting in God and being truthful to our hearts and selves. Our love for God, which stems from the heart then causes us to desire to love our neighbor and even our own selves.

May we have the courage to live as disciples of Jesus Christ to bring transformation to our world.

*Gracious God, help all of us to put our hearts and souls into loving you more deeply and trusting in your love for us. As you become the center of our hearts, then we know that all our actions will lead us in the path of righteousness and service, in Christ's name. Amen.*

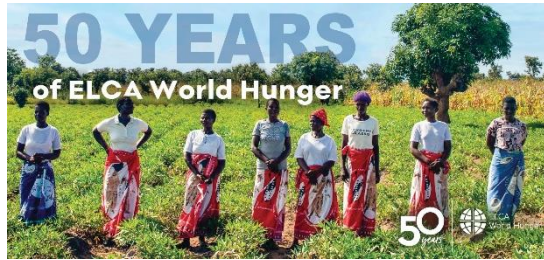
*From Strong for a Moment Like This, Rev. Dr. Bill Shillady.*

## Compassion Ministry

### March's Ministry Focus: ELCA World Hunger

**M**ore than 820 million people – that's about 11% of people in our world today – are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.


Working with and through congregations in the U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas, and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. — from the ELCA World Hunger website



As we focus on ELCA World Hunger as our Ministry of the Month, we're also celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of global outreach and ministry. Sharon Magnuson, ELCA Hunger's mission funding director, will bring greetings to both services on Sunday, March 17, and give an informational presentation at 11:45 AM in the library. (A light lunch will be served; sign up on a bulletin insert Connection Card if you plan to attend.)

Your donations towards ELCA World Hunger are welcomed! Please make your contribution to OHLC, with ELCA Hunger on the memo line. These will go towards such specific appeals as the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, home to more than 150,000 refugees who were forced from their homes due to conflict in South Sudan and Somalia. See the narthex bulletin board and bulletin inserts for more information!

### Monday sandwich team needed for SPiN Café

 There's a need for a sandwich-making team to make sandwiches for Monday lunches at SPiN, to be delivered there before 11 AM (lunch is served from 1:00-2:00 PM).

The goal is 30 peanut butter & jelly and 40 meat & cheese sandwiches, each in a small plastic bag. If you're interested in helping (especially by organizing the crew!), contact Carol Wall, 360-320-9466.

## Stephen Ministry adapted from the Stephen Ministry website

### A way to offer help and hope to those facing cancer

**A**ll too often we hear that someone we know is facing cancer. A friend or relative [including Gaye Rodriguey's younger brother's recent diagnosis], or a neighbor, a colleague, church member, customer, patient, care receiver, or client, receives the devastating news of a cancer diagnosis.

During such a difficult time, we want to reach out with support and care, to offer help and hope. But how? A simple, powerful way is to give a copy of *Cancer—Now What?* This book is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer.

A practical, user-friendly resource, *Cancer—Now What?* covers a wide range of challenges that those with cancer and their loved ones may face. This book is organized into four topical sections.

Each copy also includes a Quick Tips card, which offers suggestions for how readers might use the book.

#### Medical

Asking the right questions at the right time  
Finding reliable information  
Tracking medical information effectively  
Helping your medical team help you

#### Emotional

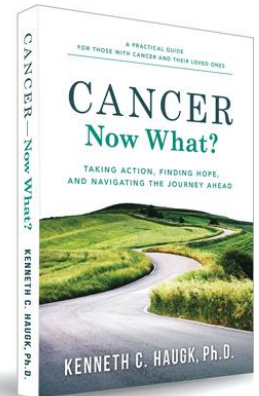
Coping with the emotional aftershocks  
Finding ways to express difficult feelings  
Not letting cancer define you  
Caring for yourself

#### Relational

Getting the support you need  
Updating others without wearing yourself out  
Creating a safe place within your family  
Connecting with those who have faced cancer

#### Spiritual

Finding spiritual support  
Weathering spiritual storms  
Being totally honest with God  
Asking hard questions without feeling guilty



Copies of this book are available in the church office, or talk to Gaye Rodriguey, Stephen Leader.



Worship assistants		
March 3		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Tom Piper Acolyte: Abby Gray Healing Prayer: M. Stroud, F. Leukhardt	Computer: Donna Aspery Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Moira Bartrand Communion Asst: Bobbi Miller Healing Prayer: C. Wall, J. Heideger	Computer: Anders Spencer Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
March 10		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Tom Carey Acolyte: Anna Richards	Computer: Lucas Stone Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Carol Fitzgerald Communion Asst: Kim	Computer: Kale Totten Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
March 17		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Jeff Margraf Acolyte: Matthew Richards	Computer: Lisa Margraf Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Trudy Decker Communion Asst: Kerri Totten	Computer: Bruce Holroyd Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
March 24, Passion/Palm Sunday		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Paul Senness Acolyte: Elizabeth Richards	Computer: Emma Norman Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Kathy Holroyd Communion Asst: Louis Bartrand	Computer: John Totten Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
March 28, Maundy Thursday		
7:00 PM	Assisting Minister: Carol Wall	Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
March 29, Good Friday		
12:00 PM	Organ/Piano: Kim	
7:00 PM	Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud	
March 31, Easter Sunday		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Sheila Ryan Acolyte:	Computer: Sam Richards Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Rita Carter Communion Asst: Moira Bartrand	Computer: Bruce Holroyd Organ/Piano: Sue Stroud

Little Lutheran bags in March: Kim & Marge

## Financial Report

## January

	January	Year to date
Income	\$ 27.763	\$ 27,763
Outgo	45,398	45,398
	<u>\$ (17,635)</u>	<u>\$ (17,635)</u>

## Worship Attendance

## February

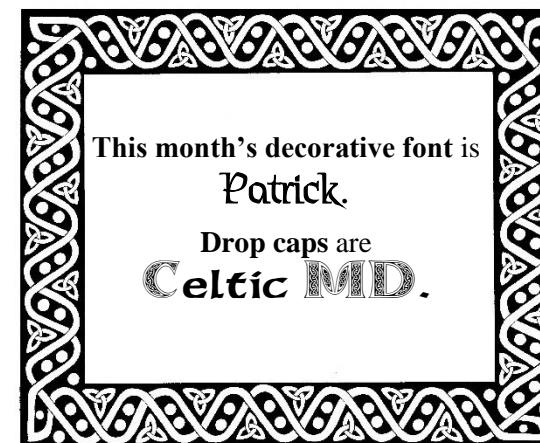
Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Feb. 4	51	89
Feb. 11	42	80
Feb. 18	42	97
Feb. 25	49	76
<b>Avg. Att.</b>	46	86

Ash Wednesday: Noon – 42; 7 PM - 54

Average Sunday attendance: 132


## Lesser Festivals & Commemorations March

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|---|--|
| 1 George Herbert, hymnwriter, 1633                                  | 22 Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, 1758 |
| 2 John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788, renewers of the Church   | 24 Oscar Romero, bishop of El Salvador, martyr, 1980               |
| 7 Perpetua, Felicity, and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 202      | 25 The Annunciation of our Lord                                    |
| 10 Harriet Tubman, 1913; Sojourner Truth, 1883, renewers of society | 29 Hans Nielsen Hauge, re-newer of the church, 1824                |
| 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604                           | 31 John Donne, poet, 1631  |
| 17 Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, 461                      |  |
| 19 Joseph, guardian of our Lord                                     |  |
| 21 Thomas Cranmer, bishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1556               |  |



# MARCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3 Lent 3</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 Youth & Family Night - Pretzels & Prayer 6:30 CA 7:30	4 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 7:00 North Whidbey NA 7:30 WIYS, sanctuary	5 9:30 Blanket Workshop 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts	6 9:30 Blanket Workshop 12:00 <b>Midweek worship</b> 12:30 Soup & bread 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 <b>Midweek worship</b> 6:30 Soup & bread	7 1:00 Deborah Circle 6:30 <i>She Sharps</i> 7:00 NA	1 8	2 9 8 AM – 2 PM, 4H public presentations 3:00 OHHS Robotics fundraiser prep; meal to follow
<b>10 Lent 4</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 Pi(e) Day coffee hr 11:45 QUEST CLUB 4:00 CA 7:30	11 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 6:30 WICAREs 7:00 North Whidbey NA 7:30 WIYS, sanctuary	12 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 1 Thing Book Group	13 12:00 <b>Midweek worship</b> 12:30 Soup & bread 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 <b>Midweek worship</b> 6:30 Soup & bread	14 1:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Council 6:30 <i>She Sharps</i> 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	<div>           15            WA State Music Teachers' Association            Recital &amp; Testing            Sanctuary/library/music office/ed. wing         </div>	
<b>17 Lent 5</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 ELCA World Hunger presentation/lunch 11:45 Confirmation 6:00 CA 7:30	18 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 7:00 North Whidbey NA 7:30 WIYS, sanctuary	19 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>20 Newsletter Deadline</b> 12:00 <b>Midweek worship</b> 12:30 Soup & bread 4:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 <b>Midweek worship</b> 6:30 Soup & bread	21 1:00 Deborah Circle 6:30 <i>She Sharps</i> 7:00 NA	22	23
<b>24 Passion/Palm Sunday</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 QUEST CLUB 4:00 CA 7:30	25 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 5:00 Brass rehearsal; concert follows 6:30 WICAREs 7:00 North Whidbey NA	26 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Al Anon 6:30 Cub Scouts	27 7:30-12:30 Cultural Homestay International 11:30 OHLC Staff 4:00 Chancel Choir	<b>28 Maundy Thursday</b> 1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA <b>7:00 Worship</b>	<b>29 Good Friday</b> 12:00 <b>Worship</b> 7:00 <b>Worship</b>	30
<b>31 Easter Day</b> <b>Worship</b> 8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:00-10:00 Egg hunt 9:15 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 CA 7:30	<div>  <p>             We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. <b>'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!'</b>              - John Paul II           </p> </div>					<b>HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL</b> M,T,W 9:00/9:15 AM – 12:15 PM School picture day – March 26 <b>Registration begins for 2024-25!!</b> <b>9:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b> <b>Mar. 6,</b> for current students & siblings <b>Mar. 13,</b> for families & friends of OHLC <b>Mar. 20,</b> open registration for the community