

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



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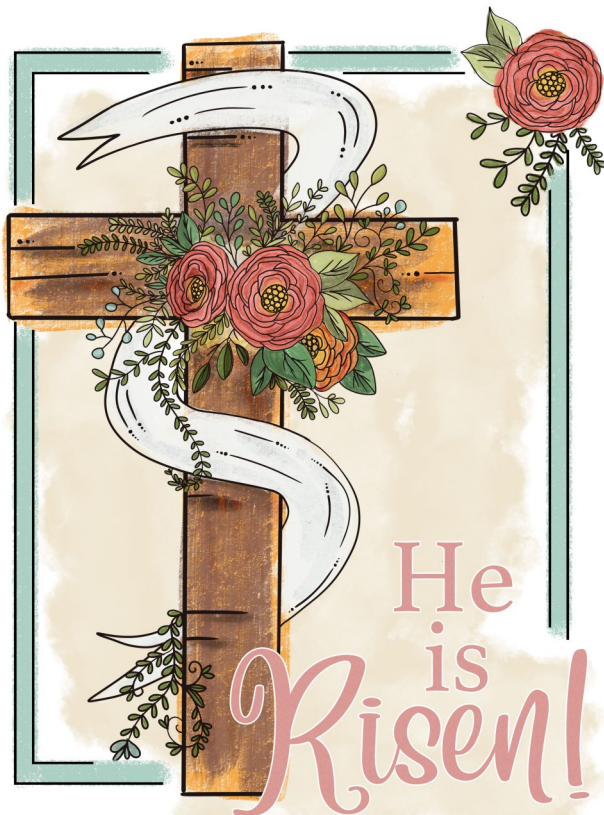
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### Body Language: The Sign of the Cross

*“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”*

Romans 6:3-5

Some people are surprised to find so many people at OHLC making the sign of the cross over themselves at various points in our worship service. Those who come from a Roman Catholic background are certainly familiar with the practice but sometimes come to us not realizing that Lutherans do it too. Those visiting or joining from other Protestant Christian traditions are also sometimes surprised to see something that looks so “Catholic.” Even life-long Lutherans, perhaps from certain regions of the country or from other Lutheran traditions, are sometimes surprised for the same reason.

Is making the sign of the cross a “Catholic” thing? It is! But it isn’t just a capital “C” Catholic practice, referring to the Roman Catholic church. It is also a small “c” catholic practice, referring to the whole Christian church. The sign of the cross is widely used in many Christian traditions, including but not limited to the Roman Catholic church. Anglicans do it. Eastern Orthodox do it. A growing number of Protestants do it.

But is it Lutheran? It is if you do it right. Let me explain. Martin Luther himself encouraged the practice of making the sign of the cross not only in worship but every morning and every evening. In fact, this practice is commended in Luther’s most important and influential work, the Small Catechism. There he writes, “In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the cross and say, “God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.” And then: “In the evening, when you go to bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say, “God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, watch over me. Amen.”

So is it Lutheran? If it is recommended in the Small Catechism of Martin Luther, I think it is safe to say that it is! However, to practice it in a manner consistent with Lutheran theology, it must be done in freedom. If it burdens the conscience, perhaps due to previous associations with the practice, it need not be done. If it feels superstitious (or even a little “stitious”), it need not be done. If it

doesn’t fit with your piety or upbringing, it need not be done. To do it “Lutheranly” is to do it in Christian freedom, without any assumption that you “have to” or that you are a lesser Christian for not.

But why do it at all? The practice of making the sign of the cross is connected to baptism. It is a physical way to call to mind what happened in one’s baptism. As St. Paul writes in Romans 6, when we are baptized we are joined to Christ’s death and resurrection. The salvation Jesus won on the cross is given to us personally. To make the sign of the cross is to employ our entire bodies in remembering that in our baptism we have been marked with the cross of Christ, and because we have been so marked, our sin is forgiven and we belong to him both now and forever.

Body language can be an important way to communicate. Whether it is the presiding minister making the sign of the cross over the congregation in blessing, or an individual Christian making the sign of the cross in the morning, or the evening, or in response to the absolution, or when walking past the baptismal font, or when receiving Holy Communion, the body language is powerful. It reminds us that what happened on the cross covers us, claims us, and has saved us. Muscle memory is important too. Repeated physical motions imprint information in us. What information could be more important to imprint than that we have been joined forever to Christ’s death and resurrection?

Making the sign of the cross is a widely used practice across the entire Christian church. It has been part of Lutheran Christianity since Martin Luther. It is a beautiful and meaningful gesture for many people, signifying that the salvation won for us by our Lord Jesus has been personally given to us in Holy Baptism. But for Lutherans, Christian freedom trumps Christian tradition every time. If it isn’t specifically commanded in scripture, it is optional. So give it a try, or don’t. It’s up to you. Either way, remember that in your baptism you have been joined to the saving work of Christ we celebrate this month during Holy Week and Easter. In your baptism, the salvation Jesus accomplished was imparted to you personally. Remember that in your baptism you have been marked, body and soul, with the cross of Christ forever.



- Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES CONTINUE

Our Wednesday gatherings for worship and soup suppers continue this month on April 2 and April 9. Join us at Noon or 6pm.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT DMLC

#### APRIL 17, 7:00 PM: Maundy Thursday worship



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

#### APRIL 18, Noon & 7:00 PM: Good Friday worship



Good Friday services will be held at Noon and 7:00 PM. This powerful service includes 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!

#### APRIL 20: Easter Sunday worship



Join us 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 to join us on this day of celebration!

#### Easter Sunday breakfast

Plan on joining us for a delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday, served in Herrigstad Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** at 9:15 for children age 10 and younger.

*Please note the church office will be closed on Easter Monday, 4/21.*

**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, April 6.** Order forms are available as a bulletin insert, or stop by the office and pick one up, or use the page from the March newsletter.

## ADULT EDUCATION IN APRIL:

### TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD

*The 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nicene Creed*



This month we will finish up our study of the Nicene Creed. Even if you missed previous sessions, feel free to join us. We meet in the church library on Sunday mornings from 9:15am-10:15am.

April 6	One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins
April 13	The Resurrection and the Life to Come
April 20	<b>EASTER BREAKFAST</b>
April 27	<i>No class</i>

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS APRIL 13

Confirmation class will meet from 6:00pm-8:00pm on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend with their student. Mark your calendars and be sure and complete sessions 5-7 in your workbooks before we gather.

#### DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!



Dak 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 2025-26 school year is **Thursday, May 1.** Application forms are available in the church office, or contact Roshel Donwen, 360-929-0136,



## COMPASSION TEAM MEETING SET FOR APRIL 22



Are you interested in ministries which reach out to our neighbors near and far with compassionate care? The Compassion Team is meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm. This is an open meeting in which we will discuss our past and future ministries of the month scheduled for 2025. Come learn more about how you can be involved!

## PASTOR SPENCER GOES TO OLYMPIA

After floor action was cancelled for his previously scheduled visit, Pastor Spencer is now scheduled to give the invocation before the Washington State Senate on Tuesday, April 22. He will head down the night before and be back in Oak Harbor that evening. Your prayers for safe travels and the right words are appreciated.



Congratulations to Justin and Abby Campbell for the birth of daughter Eleanor Louise Campbell!

## VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer worship will begin June 1st with a single service at 9:30 AM.

- \* The Altar Guild is looking for summer volunteers to clear communion after service. Training is provided. Communion at all summer services will be by intinction. Contact Mary Brock at 360-672-8966 to learn more.
- \* Ushers Guild is also looking for summer volunteers. Both returning and new ushers are welcome. Training is provided. If you are available for summer contact Beth in the office, [beth@oakharborlutheran.org](mailto:beth@oakharborlutheran.org)



### Worship Schedule for the Summer

Keep an eye on upcoming Connection Cards for more summer service opportunities

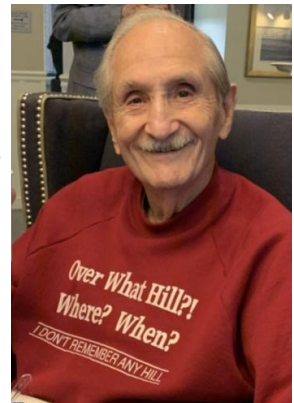


- \* **Included in this newsletter** are *Prayer Ventures* and *The Spirit* for April.
- \* OHLC's card makers, the **Church Mice Stampers**, meet on Tuesdays, **April 8 & 22**, starting at 10:00 AM in the library.
- \* **The Brotherhood of St. Bernard**, OHLC's men's Bible study fellowship, meets Tuesdays, **April 8 & 22**, at noon in the fellowship hall.
- \* **The One Thing Book Group** is reading *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman this month. They will meet **April 8**, at 6:30 PM. Location TBD.
- \* **Stephen Ministry** will meet on Thursday, **April 10** at 4pm in the Library. The group will be discussing Part 3, "A Faith Perspective on Assertiveness", Chapters 12-14, from the book, *Caring Assertiveness*.
- \* **The deadline for articles** for the April 2025 newsletter is Wed. **April 16**.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

**Rev. Dr. Allan Swan** was received into the Church Triumphant on March 19. After many years as a Presbyterian pastor he was happy to find a home in the Lutheran church, and called himself a "Luther-terian." Allan was a longtime volunteer in Munchy Monday, serving drinks as our "Chocolate Milk Man" and fondly remembered for the phrase, "The Usual." He also remained active in The Order of St. Bernard; our men's Bible study group.



A memorial service is being planned for some time in July.

## A Ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

Welcome to March! Students this month spent time learning about different types of weather, modes of transportation, water safety, and how things grow! We are so excited to be entering into spring, both academically and weather wise! Other spring lessons included kites, flowers, frogs, insects, and umbrellas.

Our field trip this month took us to Greenhouse Florist & Nursery, where Ms. Audrey gave the kiddos a full tour of all the important work she does. From putting together flower arrangements, to caring for plants both indoor and outdoor there is lots to be done and the students enjoyed having their questions answered by an expert!

Students also received a special classroom visit from Fire and Rescue who taught students about their roles in an emergency, general water safety, ALWAYS wearing a life jacket, and brought along a rescue boat. We have several future boat captains in this class!

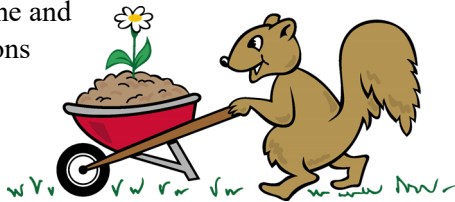
This month's special students included Lennox, Maren, Theo, Harper, and Wren! We continue to celebrate each student for a week of school, they have a special poster about them to present and are given important responsibilities.

Here's how some of our students finished the sentence, **"My favorite thing to ride is ..."**

- Liam:** In a submarine
- Abby:** in an airplane
- Karter:** in a car
- Harper:** in Michael's truck
- Lennox:** in an airplane
- Rylan:** on a bike
- Mylo:** in trucks



- Hannah:** in a car
- Everett:** in an airplane
- Wren:** on a train
- Dallas:** on a speed boat
- Colton:** in a car
- Branch:** in a cyber truck
- Maren:** P8's, like my dad flies
- Sadie:** in a car and drive onto a ferry



## preschool registration



Happy Spring, and happy registration time! **We are currently registering for next school year!** We will have 3-Day classes and Kindergarten Prep classes! There is currently lots of room open but don't expect it to last long as summer goes by!

Blessings,

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

## LIVE PROJECT ~NW Washington Synod

### Healing Creation: Sacred Hope in Action

Saturday, April 5: 9:00 AM—3:00 PM;

Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Everett. 215 W Mukilteo Blvd, Everett

### Healing Creation:

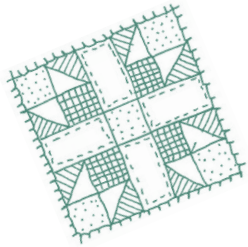


*Sacred Hope in Action*

Hope, active in love, provokes us to join in God's work of healing creation. Grounded in the image of the Tree of Life in Revelation, Biblical scholar Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing will explore how God's creation prompts us into action and calls the church into a more expansive identity. Rev. Erik Kindem and members of the Peace Lutheran Creation Care Team will explore ways to connect the dots between our worship life and the natural world, as well as offer practical actions for daily life. Come, be inspired by these, and other leaders whose hearts beat for restorative justice and the healing of God's creation.

Individual registrations are \$50. **Register HERE**

<https://www.lutheransnw.org/events/bible-and-environmental-ethics/2025-04-05>



## BLANKET WORKSHOP:

You're invited to join, **Tuesday & Wednesday, April 1 & 2, 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.** Sewing experience isn't a requirement, and new helpers are always appreciated.

## CIRCLES IN APRIL

**Deborah Circle** meets each Thursday at 1PM in the Library. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey at [@tobysuds.com](mailto:@tobysuds.com)

- April 3** "Faithfulness," Session three, page 14, "Faith Adventure: Peter & Cornelius," March/April/May 2025 **Gather** magazine.
- April 10** *Grateful Gatherings*, "Delight!"
- April 17** Session three, page 16, March/April/May 2025 **Gather** magazine
- April 24** Session four, page 24, "Faith risks: Jairus and the Faithful Woman," March/April/May 2025 **Gather** magazine

**Lydia Circle** meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 PM in the Prayer Room. We continue in the book: *Psalms: Prayers of the Heart* (LifeGuide Bible Series) by Eugene H. Peterson. Free Copies still available! All are welcome! Contact Peg Fosnaugh at 360-929-1653 if you have any questions.

- April 1** Chapter 3, Psalm 3: Praying Our Trouble
- April 15** Chapter 4, Psalm 8: Praying Our Creation

## ISAIAH 62: 1A, "FOR ZION'S SAKE, I WILL NOT KEEP SILENT."

This reading sounds like God is ensuring we are basking in great joy, hope, and excitement of life forever with God! One of the first images that comes to my mind was standing on the sidewalk outside our elementary school when I saw the doors to the school erupt with the presence of running Kindergartners and First Graders as they raced to the playground for recess. While they raced, everyone was screaming at the top of their lungs in pure joy.

I'd watched that many times before, but on this day, I was struck with the wonder of these little people running with the greatest excitement toward the playground, their refuge of fun, laughter, and play.

This passage begins with, "Regarding Zion, I can't keep my mouth shut." Biblical references tell us that Zion is used to describe a place designated by the Lord where followers can live and serve God.

Could Zion be where we are? Isn't that always where God is, too? So, no matter our circumstances, we can still live in our refuge of faith and experience fun, laughter, and play as children of God. Would God not want it any other way? Despite the woes of the world, we can still run toward our holy playground, which is the hope we have in a God who is love! We run, screaming with joy, laughing with hope, and fall into a gracious God's open arms of love!



**Reflect:** What mantra can you design to remind you that Zion, the place where we can live and serve God, is everywhere in every part of our day? Then, use it in places that are often difficult, like work, meetings, neighborhoods, and other challenging places.

**Pray:** Gracious God, we dwell on your holy playground where peace, hope, and joy abide. Your presence is love, and may we always serve you and our neighbors with grateful hearts. Amen.

*Dr. Kris Meyer, Rochester, MN, served as principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School in Waverly, IA. Part-time retired, Kris is on faculty with Buena Vista University, teaching school counseling.*



# COMPASSION MINISTRY

**MINISTRY OF  
THE MONTH:**

**50**  
years



OHLC's ministry of the month for March and April, to coincide with Lent, is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) World Hunger Appeal. As always, our contributions throughout these two months will be donated to the organization. We appreciate any contribution you can make to this most important cause. Please make your contribution to OHLC, with ELCA Hunger on the memo line.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*  
– Matthew 25:35

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH OAK HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

OHLC is an official Community Partner with Hillcrest Elementary! Check out <https://www.ohsd.net/volunteer> to fill out a volunteer application and see upcoming volunteer opportunities at the school. Contact Beth in the church office, 360-679-1561 (beth@oakharborlutheran.org) to learn more about our partnership.



## JOSEPHINE CARING COMMUNITY: Birdseed Fund

Many Josephine residents relate to the sacred through nature, including birdwatching. About 33 residents have birdfeeders outside of their windows. They would greatly appreciate cash or check donations of any amount to help keep these feeders filled.

### **PLEASE NO BIRDSEED DONATIONS**



We now have a model "birdfeeder" for donation collection in the narthex. Make out any checks to OHLC with "Josephine birdseed" on the memo line. The residents are deeply grateful for whatever we may provide!

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Josephine is also in need of volunteers to help fill the feeders for a couple hours a month. If you are interested please contact Pastor Eileen Burdick at Josephine (eileenb@josephinecc.com) for more details.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

OHLC Josephine Delegates  
Kathy Holroyd  
Karol Pulliam

## UPDATE ON MUNCHY MONDAY

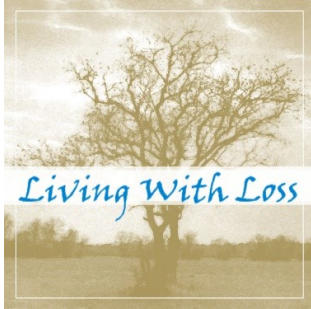
Our numbers continue to grow with close to 95 kids attending last Monday. It is a joy to see so many gathered in our fellowship hall. All the volunteers are so appreciative of the church's support for this outreach program that provides high school students with a safe and positive place for their Monday afternoons. We do go through a large quantity of food each week and so are grateful for all the donations. It seems that most of the kids we see each week are boys, (with large appetites) that participate in after-school sports. They are an appreciative group with impressive manners!

Once again, thank you for the support of this important program.

Munchy Monday volunteer  
MaryAnn Nowicki



## GRIEF SUPPORT OPTIONS OFFERED



*Living with Loss*, a 6-week grief support group, is designed to help you process the normal feelings of grief that follow the death of a loved one. Each group is limited to 10 people and facilitated by Laurie Johnson, Bereavement Coordinator with WhidbeyHealth.

(who also serves as OHLC's Visitation Pastor).

Preregistration is required; e-mail [johnla@whidbeyhealth.org](mailto:johnla@whidbeyhealth.org), or call the hospice office at 360-914-5635 and ask for *Bereavement*.

### Upcoming group dates and times:

*Oak Harbor (meets at OHLC), Wednesdays, April 30 - June 4, 2:00-3:30 PM*

*Freeland, Fridays, April 25 - May 23, 1:00-2:30 PM*

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE THIS MONTH!

**B**loodworks Northwest offers blood donation clinics at OHLC on **April 3&4 and 10&11.**



***Donations are by appointment only; spaces are available!***

To schedule an appt., scan the **QR code**, call **800-398-7888**, or visit <https://www.Bloodworksnw.org/giveblood>

*Appointments are required for the best possible donation experience. Same-day appointments available at most locations. Photo ID required. For safety, we kindly request no visitors under 16 at our donation sites.*

*Eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.*



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### The Safe House

One way we like to describe the role of a Stephen Minister is that they provide a **Safe House** for care receivers. The Safe House is a place where you can safely share your deepest feelings. It's a setting where you don't have to worry about being embarrassed, judged, or rejected.

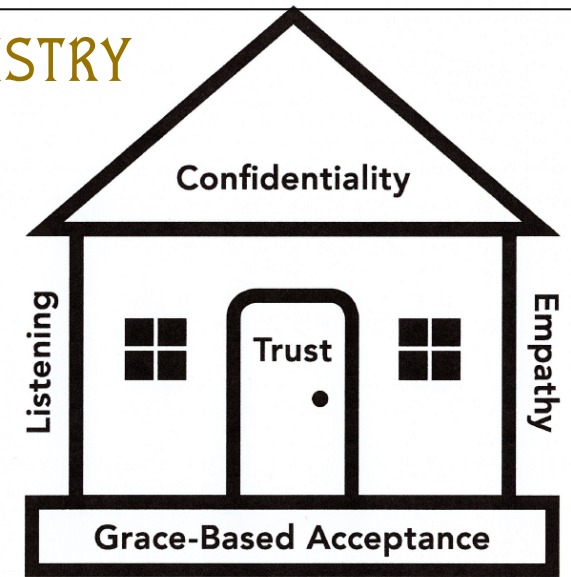
The foundation of the Safe House is *grace-based acceptance*. Your Stephen Minister will *accept* you unconditionally, *care* for you as Jesus does, and *value* you as a person made in the image of God. They won't judge you for feeling the way you feel or for what you've said or done. Because God graciously accepts each of us in Jesus, Stephen Ministers likewise accept their care receivers.

One wall of the Safe House is *listening*. Your Stephen Minister will actively listen to you, being fully present with you. They won't try to tell you what to do, psychoanalyze you, or focus on what they're going to say next—they'll pay full attention to you because your thoughts and feelings are important.

The other wall is *empathy*. That means your Stephen Minister will connect at a deep level with your feelings, experiencing them along with you and letting you know their understanding of your feelings.

The roof is *confidentiality*. Your Stephen Minister knows that to feel safe sharing your feelings, anything you share needs to be kept between the two of you. Confidentiality is a main topic of their training, and all Stephen Ministers are committed to protecting it in their caring relationships.

And finally, the doorway into the Safe House is *trust*. Your Stephen Minister will maintain a trusting relationship with you, opening the door to honest, meaningful, and healing sharing of your feelings.





# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## April 6

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Jeff Margraff <b>Acolyte:</b> Abby Gray <b>Healing Prayer:</b> M. Nowicki & G. Rodriguey	<b>Computer:</b> Sam Richards <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Moira Bartrand <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Rita Carter <b>Healing Prayer:</b> C. Reafs & L. Improta	<b>Computer:</b> Ted Smith <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud

## April 13 Palm Sunday

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Tom Carey <b>Acolyte:</b> Anna Richards	<b>Computer:</b> Lucas Stone <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Carol Fitzgerald <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Leslie Improta	<b>Computer:</b> Totten <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan

## April 17 Maundy Thursday

<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Tom Piper <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Craig Pedlar	<b>Computer:</b> <b>Organ/Piano:</b>
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## April 20 Easter Sunday

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Marty Leukhardt <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Gaylen Smith <b>Acolyte.:</b> Matthew Richards	<b>Computer:</b> Lisa Margraf <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Rita Carter <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Louis Bartrand, Bobbi Miller	<b>Computer:</b> Ted Smith <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan

## April 27

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Sheila Ryan <b>Acolyte.:</b> Elizabeth Richards	<b>Computer:</b> Emma Norman <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Kerri Totten <b>Communion Asst.:</b> Rita Cline	<b>Computer:</b> Totten <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan



### Communion Bread

#### Bakers:

April 6: Gail Dobbyn  
April 13: Kerri Totten  
April 20: Spencer  
April 27: Colleen Pedlar

**Little Lutheran bags in April: Glenn Cornelius**

*Thank you to Sara Hogarth for March!*

This month's decorative font is : **FLORAL LATIN**

# FINANCIAL REPORT

# FEBRUARY

	<i>February</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$ 27,866	\$ 65,830
Outgo	<u>35,057</u>	<u>67,045</u>
	\$ (7,191)	\$ (1,215)

# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

# MARCH

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Mar 2	54	73
Mar 9	46	94
Mar 16	38	103
Mar 23	42	91 101
<b>Avg. Att.</b>	45	90

Ash Wednesday: Noon – 44; 7 PM - 53

Average Sunday attendance: 135

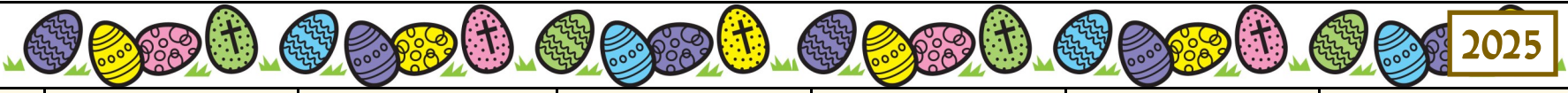
*March 30 will be included in the next issue's statistics*

# LESSER FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS


# APRIL

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| 4 Benedict the African, confessor, 1589  | 21 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109       |
| 6 Albrecht Dürer, 1528,<br>Matthias Grünewald, 1529,<br>Lucas Cranach, 1553, artists                       | 23 Toyohiko Kagawa,<br>renewer of society, 1960 |
| 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, 1945  | 25 St. Mark, Evangelist                         |
| 10 Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557  | 29 Catherine of Siena,<br>theologian, 1380      |
| 19 Olavus Petri, priest, 1552, Laurentius<br>Petri, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1573,<br>renewers of the Church |   |

# April



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL</b>  <b>M,T,W,TH, F</b>            9:00 AM – 12:15 PM            Picture Day: April 15  <b>Registration begins for 2025-26!!</b>            Online Registration is Open!</p>		<p>1            7:30 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to noon            9:30 Blanket Workshop            5:00 Brass Rehearsal            5:30 Lydia Circle            5:30 Al Anon</p>	<p>2            9:30 Blanket Workshop  <b>12:00 Worship service</b>            4:30 Chancel Choir  <b>7:00 Worship service</b></p>	<p>3  <b>Bloodworks NW</b>            10 AM – 4 PM            fellowship hall            1:00 Deborah Circle            7:00 NA</p>	<p>4  <b>Bloodworks NW</b>            10 AM – 4 PM            fellowship hall</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6  <b>Worship</b> 8:00            Adult Ed. 9:15  <b>Worship</b> 10:30            CA/library 7:30</p>	<p>7            Spring Break  <b>No Munchy Monday</b>            6:00 WIYS, till 9 PM            6:00 North Whidbey NA/library</p>	<p>8            10:00 Church Mice Stampers            12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard            3:00 SPiN B.O.D.            5:30 Al Anon</p>	<p>9  <b>12:00 Midweek Worship</b>            12:30 Soup &amp; bread            4:30 Chancel Choir  <b>6:00 Midweek Worship</b>            6:30 Soup &amp; bread</p>	<p>10  <b>Bloodworks NW</b>            10 AM – 4 PM            fellowship hall  <b>Sheriff's Assessments</b>            7-12 library, 7-4 ed wing            1:00 Deborah Circle            4:00 Stephen Ministry            6:00 Council            7:00 NA</p>	<p>11  <b>Bloodworks NW</b>            10 AM – 4 PM            fellowship hall            3:00 QUEST CLUB</p>	<p>12            Wildcats Robotics            Spaghetti Dinner 3-8 PM</p>
<p>13 <b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b>  <b>Worship</b> 8:00            Sunday School 9:15            Adult Ed. 9:15  <b>Worship</b> 10:30            Confirmation 6:00            Girl Scouts 46518 4:00            Confirmation 6:00            CA/library 7:30</p>	<p>14            12:30 M.M. set-up            1:30 Munchy Monday            6:30 WIYS            7:00 North Whidbey NA/library</p>	<p>15            His Kids Picture Day              5:30 Lydia Circle            5:30 Al Anon</p>	<p>16 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>            11:30 OHLC Staff            4:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17 <b>Maundy Thursday</b>            1:00 Deborah Circle  <b>7:00 Worship</b>            7:00 NA</p>	<p>18 <b>Good Friday</b>  <b>12:00 Worship</b>  <b>7:00 Worship</b></p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 <b>Easter</b>  <b>Worship</b> 8:00            Easter Breakfast 9:00            Easter Egg Hunt 9:15  <b>Worship</b> 10:30            CA/library 7:30</p>	<p>21 <b>Easter Monday</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>            12:30 M.M. set-up            1:30 Munchy Monday            6:30 WIYS            7:00 North Whidbey NA/library</p>	<p>22            10:00 Church Mice Stampers            12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard            5:30 Al Anon            7:00 Compassion Team</p>	<p>23            11:30 OHLC Staff            4:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24            7:30 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 3 pm            9:00 Newsletter Assembly            1:00 Deborah Circle            7:00 NA</p>	<p>25            3:00 QUEST CLUB</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27  <b>Worship</b> 8:00            Sunday School 9:15  <b>Worship</b> 10:30            Girl Scouts 46518 4:00            CA/library 7:30</p>	<p>28            9:00 newsletter assembly            12:30 M.M. set-up            1:30 Munchy Monday            6:30 WIYS            7:00 North Whidbey NA/library</p>	<p>29            5:30 Al Anon</p>	<p>30            11:30 OHLC Staff            4:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED</b> <i>Alleluia</i></p>		