



# PASTOR'S PAGE:

## Lutherans in the American Revolution

It isn't every day that a country gets to celebrate a semiquincentennial, and as our nation celebrates the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence this July 4<sup>th</sup>, I'd like to share a few history snippets illustrating how Lutherans were present, active, and influential in the founding of our great country. The usual narrative is that Lutherans in America were hidden away in their ethnic enclaves until after World War II, when they finally started learning English and began to quietly emerge in American culture bearing hot dishes and Ole and Lena jokes. The actual history, as is often the case, is more complicated and more interesting.

We could begin our very brief survey of Lutherans in America as far back as the 1630s, when Swedish colonists arrived in the Delaware Valley, bringing with them the first Lutheran pastor on North American soil, the Rev. Reorus Torkillus. While the colony of New Sweden was short-lived, it does have the admirable distinction of producing the first-ever translation of a European text into a Native American language. The text? Luther's Small Catechism! Lutheran missionary Johannes Campanius learned the Algonquian language and published his phonetic translation in 1696.

Jumping ahead to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, a compelling case has recently been made that John Adams was indirectly influenced by the Lutheran Magdeburg Confession of 1550 as he came to justify resistance to the growing tyranny of King George and the British Parliament. While Jefferson is widely known for basing his political philosophy on the writings of John Locke, Adams more frequently cited the sixteenth-century Bishop John Ponet, especially his *Short Treatise on Political Power* (1556). This work was heavily dependent on the Magdeburg Confession, an important statement issued by Lutheran pastors in the city of Magdeburg in 1550 to articulate their theological justification for refusing to obey Emperor Charles V's heavy-handed attempt to mandate certain religious practices in their city. As scholar David Whitford wrote in *Lutheran Quarterly*, "There is, in fact, an important Lutheran influence running from Magdeburg through Bishop John Ponet to John Adams and the greatest statement of democratic principles in history, the American *Declaration of Independence*."

The American Revolution was the product of powerful ideas, but those ideas had to be fought for, and Lutherans were active here too. The best example is found in Pastor Peter Muhlenberg. Peter Muhlenberg was the son of Lutheran pastor Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who single-handedly established the first

Lutheran synod in North America, organizing many disparate Lutheran congregations into a unified body which could cooperate in mission. His son Peter followed in his footsteps and became a Lutheran pastor, serving in Virginia as the American Revolution was heating up. On January 21, 1776, he delivered his last sermon, entitled, "A Time to Fight," based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. He dramatically removed his clergy vestments to reveal the Continental Army uniform he had been wearing underneath. He went on to serve as a Brigadier General, fighting with distinction in all of the most significant battles of the Revolution and becoming a trusted officer and close friend of General George Washington. Today there is a statue of Peter Muhlenberg in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol, with his clergy vestments draped over his right arm.



Peter Muhlenberg

Speaking of George Washington, did you know his public memorial service was held in a Lutheran church? It was! While it was an Anglican service, in keeping with Washington's preferred flavor of Christianity, it was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Philadelphia on December 26, 1799. Zion had the largest sanctuary in the city, capable of seating over 2,500 people. Lutheran Christianity was flourishing in Pennsylvania during the American Revolution, and the members of Zion Lutheran were honored to host the memorial service for our first President, eulogized that day as, "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

There is much to lament in American history, to be sure, but there is so much more to be grateful for. The ideals advanced by our founders, including many Lutherans, became the foundation for liberty being extended to those initially excluded from it in a trajectory which is unprecedented in human history. My prayer for our country in this year of our semiquincentennial is that we would come together in gratitude for the ideas and actions which have led to the prosperity and freedom we enjoy today, even as we acknowledge that we still have more work to do to become "a more perfect Union." As Lutherans, we can ask God to "mend thine every flaw," and "shed his grace on thee," knowing that our forebears in faith have been an important part of America the beautiful from the very beginning.

Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## YFG SUMMER EVENTS!

**July 19** **Fun Run!** “Face Your Giants”, featuring the story of David & Goliath. Walk or Run 1 mile or 5k . We will meet at the church at 4pm for our race and follow it up with food! Race medals will be awarded to all participants.



**Aug 9** **Paint & Sip!** Join us at 4pm as we learn to paint together and sip some lemonade. Our painting this summer is fire works over the cityscape of Seattle. *Instructions for a background of mountains in lieu of Seattle skyline can be offered as an optional alternative if requested ahead.*



**All Ages, Everyone is Welcome!**

**QUEST CLUB** continues through the summer! Keep an eye on the calendar or contact Beth in the office for dates !

## OHLC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT OHHS



On Thursday, June 11, Pastor Jeff attended Oak Harbor High School’s senior awards night to present OHLC’s Theresa Ferguson Memorial Scholarship. We had 5 recipients this year! Pictured, from left, Pastor Jeff Spencer, Kale Totten , Henry Schuller, Emelyn Payne, Ana Kettlewell, Zachary Jones. Congrats to all!

# OHLC NEWS

**NAMETAG REMINDER THIS SUMMER!**



**P**lease remember to use your nametag, this summer especially. This will help our new members to put faces and names together, and help the 8AM and 10:30 AM services integrate more smoothly. If you need a nametag please let us know on the Sunday Connection Card. **Thank you for your help!**



## PASTOR SPENCER ON VACATION JULY 1-13

**P**astor Jeff will be away on vacation beginning July 1 and returning to the office on July 14. He will not be monitoring or responding to any electronic communication during this time. Thank you for your understanding. Pastor Laurie Johnson will be leading worship while he is away. **If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact the church office.**



## WEDDING BELLS FOR SADIE HARBAUGH!

**O**HLC member Sadie Harbaugh (daughter of Sara & Matt Harbaugh) was joined in marriage to Mr. Wyatt Boop on Saturday, June 6. Pastor Spencer officiated the hike-in ceremony near Heather Meadows at Mount Baker. Congratulations to the happy couple as they begin life together as husband and wife!

## CHURCH PICNIC SET FOR AUGUST 9

**W**e will have one service at 11am on Sunday, **August 9<sup>th</sup>** held at the **Muzzall farm** (938 Scenic Heights Road, Oak Harbor). We will have a church picnic following the service. BBQ and beverages will be provided. (Donations will be welcomed.) Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. Bring a friend too!



## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

At our congregational meeting on June 14, we elected the following people:

**Mike Dilley**, Council, 3-year term

**Donna Lumpkin**, Council, 3-year term

**Karol Pulliam**, Council, 3-year term

**Dave Myers**, Endowment Committee, 3-year term

At a special council meeting following the congregational meeting, the following people were elected to executive positions on council:

**Fran Leukhardt**, Council President

**John Hermandorfer**, Vice President

**Mike Dilley**, Treasurer

**Karol Pulliam**, Secretary

Thank you to everyone who participated in our semi-annual meeting, and to those who accepted the invitation to serve in these positions. Thanks also to our outgoing council members, Glenn Cornelius, Sheila Ryan, and Paul Senness.



## CHURCH BUILDING USE IN THE SUMMERTIME:

Sean Brown, local teacher (Penn Cove Brass & Harbor Brass) and leader of the Whidbey Island Youth Symphony that rehearses in our sanctuary during the school year, will again be presiding at **Brass Camp, Monday through Saturday, July 13 – 18**, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. They'll be using the sanctuary, library, fellowship hall & education wing.

Our good friend Tanisha Lowery is shepherding another group of Japanese students with **Cultural Homestay International** during the last week of July into the first 2 weeks of August. They'll be with us, **July 27-28 & 30-31 & Aug. 3-4, 6-7, & 10-12**, 7:30 AM to 3 PM in the library and education wing and 5 PM to 8:30 PM, **Aug. 12th** in the fellowship hall.



## OHLC SINGLE ADULTS FELLOWSHIP CONTINUES

– JULY 11 AND AUGUST 8



Our next Single Adults Fellowship is on **July 11!** Bring whatever you would like to contribute to the meal. (Food does not need to be homemade!) Bring some containers so you can share leftovers!

We enjoy having a meal together, visiting about a variety of topics, including books, movies, travels, and our various backgrounds and experiences. At our June gathering, we talked about the anniversary of D-Day and shared what we knew about that historical event.

Leslie Improta has suggested a possible topic for our July gathering: Freedom and what that means to us. **At our July meeting we will be talking about possibilities for meeting in August away from the church**, perhaps lunch at a local restaurant, a picnic, a pizza party, or whatever other suggestions you might have.

If you have questions or would like further info, please call Aloha Hart (360-672-5502) or David Allen (360-720-3174). We're hoping to see many of you at our July gathering!

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear OHLC friends,

*I wish to express my gratitude to you all for my ten years as OHLC cantor. When I began in the spring of 2016 (just before I retired from my school teaching career), I had no idea how soul-filling this ministry would be for me. I have been blessed over and over by your encouragement as I tested my composing wings, your thoughtful remarks when a particular Psalm setting touched you in an impactful way, and the chance to connect with you all every Sunday morning. My special thanks to Pastor Spencer for asking me to step into this ministry and supporting me in my fledgling music writing efforts. My beautiful flowers and Pastor Spencer's kind words on my final Sunday were the icing on top of a bittersweet morning. But God is nudging me to step away from this ministry and allow someone new to experience the flooding joy that sharing the Psalms with you can bring. See you on Sunday mornings from my place beside you in the pews!*  
Your sister in Christ,  
Sharon Erickson



# HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL

## A Ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

It is SUMMER TIME for His Kids Preschool!! Students and their families celebrated the school year with a picnic playdate at Fort Nugent for one final day together before summer break!

We had a wonderful 2025-2026 school year; our class may have been on the smaller side, but their learning and joy were not!

This summer we wish you a couple of months of making new memories, enjoying nature, and hopefully a little rest!



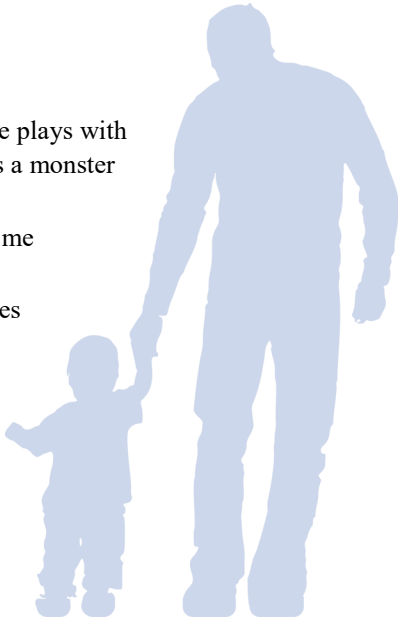
In the slow of summer time at the preschool, we continue registration for next school year, classroom preparation, ordering supplies, and reflecting on all we are thankful for.

Thankful to all those who make His Kids Preschool possible: past and current teachers, directors, congregation members, pastors, students, and their families. Community is built through all the connections we make, big and small.

Before our school year ended, we asked the students to give us a few more quotes for the summer months, Here are their answers to the teachers' prompts about **dads** and **favorite things** about His Kids Preschool:

### *I love my Dad because...*

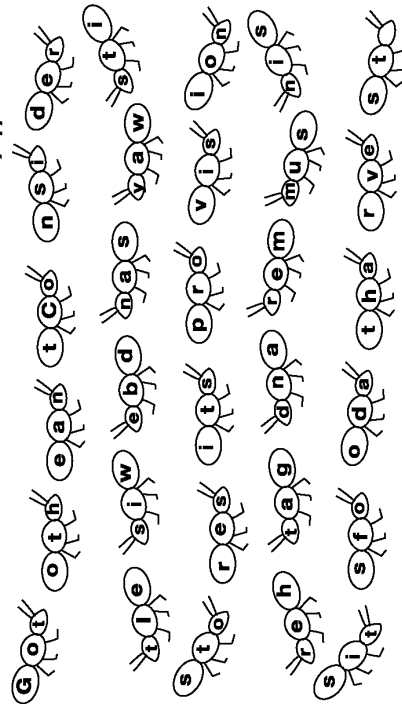
- Runa S.:** he gives me chips and snacks and he plays with me like letting me ride on his back when he is a monster
- Brian:** we go hiking
- Maverick:** we blow kisses and he plays with me
- Fenway:** he wrestles with me
- Dallas:** I get to go to work with him sometimes
- Ember:** he tickles my feet
- Runa H.:** we play Ready Set Go
- Rylee:** he takes me to the store
- Colton:** he helps me pick up pieces of wood
- Melodee:** he takes me to the park
- Luci:** he plays with me



### **Do Good Works Unto the Lord!**

The Bible tells us that ants are good workers and we can learn from them. Make a list of things you can do this summer to keep busy like the ants. You can help your family, your neighbors, your friends and your church. Get your friends together to think of projects you can do as a group.

Fill in the blanks below with the letters from the ants. Follow the ants back and forth, and write the letters in the order they appear.



Blank lines for writing answers to the word search activity.

### *My favorite preschool memory was...*

- Luci:** going to chapel
- Maverick:** drinking water
- Fenway:** going on field trips
- Dallas:** playing with the trains and Legos
- Ember:** playing outside with my friends
- Rylee:** playing with the other kids
- Colton:** playing outside
- Melodee:** eating snacks
- Runa S.:** playing with Rylee at the Lego table
- Brian:** playing with the animals at the farm field trip
- Runa H.:** playing with the tinker toys and putting them together



Thank you for being a part of His Kids Preschool; we have another amazing year to look forward to.

Ms. Jasmine, Ms. Elva & Ms. Michelle

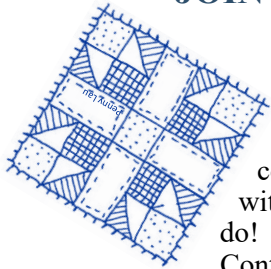
Call for more information, scan QR code, or visit our website:  
<https://oakharborlutheran.org/his-kids-preschool/>



# OHLC WOMEN

Opportunities for Fellowship, Study & Service

## JOIN BLANKET WORKSHOP!



Please join us, **Tuesday & Wednesday, July 7 & 8, & August 4 & 5 at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall** for some fellowship and quilt making. **No sewing skills are necessary!** Hop on board for some coffee, snacks, and social time as we pin together quilts with batting. There is always something for everyone to do!

Contact Jan Kammenga (360-675-3986) or Donna Aspery (360-675-9472) with any questions!

## SUMMER CIRCLES

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

Deborah Circle will meet on the following Thursdays: July 9th, 23rd, 30th, August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. **No meetings on Thursday, July 2nd & July 16th.**

The Bible Study will be “I am Worthy”, Sessions two, pages 40-46 and Session three, pages 48-53 in the Summer 2026 Gather Magazine. One meeting each month will focus on the Grateful Gathering resources such as “Be Courageous”.

**Lydia Circle** meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 PM in the Ed. Wing. to craft for the Annual Bazaar. All are welcome! A new bible study book will start in the Fall. Contact Mary Brock at 360-672-8966 if you have any questions.

July 7 & 21 and August 4 & 18

## Heads up for the annual bazaar!

The Christmas bazaar will be **Saturday, November 8**, and we'll be looking for donations of crafts and home baked goods. You'll have an opportunity to sign up via the bulletin insert Connection Cards, and we'll also make a few phone calls in October. Thank you for considering helping with this outreach of Lydia Circle.

# LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

## Romans 5: 1-8

In today's world, all we really have left is hope. Paul sums it up with verse 8, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this; While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”. God sacrificed everything; he gave his only son for our sins. How many of us could say we would do the same thing?

God gives us hope for today, for tomorrow, for the future, by placing people in our lives to share the good news of Christ. We as followers of Christ have a responsibility to share this truth with families, friends, our neighbors, and our community. This year, I took on the role of Temple Talk leader in our preschool. It takes a certain kind of bravery to stand in front of three, four, and five-year-olds and share the stories in the Bible; you never know what kind of questions you may be asked. The stories I shared were stories I heard when I was their age. Telling those stories would remind me of who first told them to me; most were from my grandmother. She was the most faithful person I knew, and she held onto the hope of tomorrow to her end. She gave her everything to share the grace and love of God.

**Reflect:** How will you share God's love today?

**Pray:** Heavenly God, thank you for your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to see the hope in our today, tomorrow, and our future. Guide us to help our neighbors see the hope you provided for us. *Amen.*

THE LORD  
HAS DONE IT THIS  
*very day;*  
LET US REJOICE TODAY  
AND BE GLAD.

PSALM 118:24

*Michelle Schaffer, Preschool Director, 18 years at Christian Day Nursery School, part of the ministry of Saint Peter, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Norwalk, Ohio. Also, served as secretary of the NW Ohio Synod Council and vice president of the NW Ohio Synod Women Of The ELCA.*

# COMPASSION MINISTRY

## July's Ministry of the Month:

**NORTH WHIDBEY HELP HOUSE CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS IN JULY!**

Although OHLC is very generous during the "official" holiday season by contributing bountiful amounts of food, people are still hungry in July. Please add some extras to your grocery cart, such as peanut butter, tuna, rice-a-roni, soup and pasta or beans, and put them in the narthex donation bin marked HELP HOUSE. Many in our community have incomes that do not support healthy eating.

As a thank you to the community for their support, **Saturday, July 18, from 1-3pm**, Help House will be hosting a donation "drive by" along with an Open House. Stop by, take a tour of our facility, and have a hamburger or hot dog on us! Thank you for your continued support!



## August's Ministry of the Month:

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dear members of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church,

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that when we suffer and are troubled, we find comfort through Christ(2 Corinthians 1: 4-6)—and one of the ways we find comfort is through other caring Christians.

Our congregation has a group of people skilled in caring for those facing challenges in their lives. These people, called Stephen Ministers, have undergone extensive training to develop and nurture their caring skills. Mary Brock, Rita Bartell Drum, John Hermandorfer, Gaylene Reiten and Gabriela Walter recently began their caring ministry in our congregation and community. These newly commissioned Stephen Ministers join together with Mike Dille, Jan Heideger and Donna Meyers in meeting with people who are experiencing many different kinds of crises.

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated, or divorcing,



homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or experiencing many other kinds of life challenges.

Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing.

If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry at OHLC, please feel free to contact me, Gail Dobbyn([zayan.kanjo@gmail.com](mailto:zayan.kanjo@gmail.com)) or Pastor Jeff. Consider whether you know of someone who needs their care, and offer to connect them to the ministry. And remember our Stephen Ministry in your prayers.

Shalom,  
Gaye Rodriguey, Stephen Leader  
[gaye@tobysuds.com](mailto:gaye@tobysuds.com)

## WATOTO WANTS YOUR GOOD EXTRA STUFF FOR OUR GARAGE SALE! JULY 25

**Saturday, July 25th, 9am-3pm** in the fellowship hall. Proceeds will go toward the care and education of the Watoto children in Uganda.

**Donations may be dropped off at church on Friday, July 24th, 3pm-7pm.** Your donations are needed and much appreciated (*no electronic devices, clothing or furniture please*).

Questions about donations or Watoto (we have supported and visited them since 2007!) contact Skip Lycksell 360-679-2010 or a Watoto Team member.



Save Your Items for Our Garage Sale

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS ANOTHER 6-WEEK SERIES

Pastor Laurie Johnson's current Grief Support Group has concluded its weekly meetings. **She will be offering another 6-week series this summer, July 20 – Aug. 24**, meeting at 2:00-3:30 PM in the OHLC library. Please contact Pastor Laurie if you are interested in participating or would like more information, [johnsonla@whidbeyhealth.org](mailto:johnsonla@whidbeyhealth.org).



## SCHOOL KITS DONATIONS:



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

As we move closer to August keep an eye on store shelves filling with school supplies. That will be your sign it is the perfect time to purchase rulers, notebooks, crayons, pencils, pens, scissors, and erasers to support Lutheran World Relief's mission to supply kids around the world with much needed school supplies.

**Please note, all school supplies are not created equally** - you get what you pay for. From a teacher's point of view, the **BEST** pencils are Ticonderoga, which don't split, and the best crayons are Crayola. **Please place purchased items in the LWR school kit bin that will be located in the narthex starting in August.** We will keep you updated as to which supplies are needed to reach our 100 school kit goal!

-Kerri Totten

### Include the following items in each School Kit:



One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17", with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



One box of 16 or 24 crayons



One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



One pencil sharpener



One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band



Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band



One 2½" eraser

## REFLECTIONS OF A REMARKABLE DAY

As I was returning home today from our most joyful Sunday service on June 14, I felt so GRATEFUL...grateful to worship with all of you; grateful to celebrate two baptisms, a new OHLC member, a semi-annual congregational meeting, and high school graduates; grateful to enjoy so many goodies in our fellowship hall, and most of all, grateful for Pastor Jeff's words of wisdom, contagious passion, and dedicated and devoted leadership, keeping us close to God.

Whether it's a friendly welcome at the door, a warm smile, thoughtful words, a generous hug, expressions of peace, or a happy "Hello" that says, "I am glad you are here," the result is heartwarming. We are here where we belong. Our church family is important, and we can rejoice knowing that it exists for each of us in different ways.

I am constantly made aware of how special our congregation is, how blessed we are to participate in so much and minister to so many, and to be reminded that we are an even bigger part of our Lord's immense kingdom. Here we can find solace, comfort, and genuine care. Our church's authenticity and sincerity are evident. Sitting in my pew, I smile at you, at the inner beauty of our church, at the natural splendor of the outdoors seen through clear glass, at the gentle deer and flitting birds, allowing us to soak it all in. Do you see it, too?!

As Pastor reminds us, finding the compassion and good in our complicated world is a humble guide. We hear about a glass being half empty or half full. Leaving for home, that glass spills out with such delight and carries many blessings to guide us throughout the week with a grateful and lighter heart. Goodness begets more goodness and faith, faith begets hope, hope begets love, and love begets peace.

As you enjoy the beautiful summer here on Whidbey Island, may God bless us all and keep us close, and... may your glass pour out much JOY!

-Leslie Improta



# FLOWERS FOR SERVICE

Thank you to all our flower sponsors for signing up for Chancel/organ flowers! Please check the flower chart outside Pastor Jeff's office door and find a Sunday you'd be willing to sponsor. I'll contact you regarding your choice of colors and the wording you'd like listed in the bulletin.

**Chancel flowers: \$50 Organ flowers: \$45**

-Peg Fosnaugh

# BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

## THANK YOU!

*"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from HIM."*

*Psalm 127:3*

On behalf of Whidbey Island Women's Clinic, I can't thank those enough that contributed to the Baby Bottle Boomerang. What a blessing it has been to watch those bottles leave empty and come back full. God will bless you for every penny you gave. And thank you, Pastor for promoting the fundraiser for WIWC. In Christ,  
Morrie Parker



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



Check the calendar for **The Brotherhood of St. Bernard**, OHLC's men's Bible study, Tuesday fellowship meetings this summer.

Check the calendar for OHLC's card makers, the **Church Mice Stampers**, Tuesday meetings this summer starting at 10:00 AM in the library or ed. wing.

The **One Thing Book Group** will meet to both July and August. Contact Lisa Margraf for details.

**Stephen Ministry** will meet on Thurs. **July 9th & Aug. 13th** at 4pm in the Library.

**Mark your calendar now. The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is Monday, August 17.**

**Puzzle on page 9 Answer Key**

Answer: Go to the ant ... consider its ways and be wise! It ... stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. —Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV



# LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS

## JULY

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

## AUGUST

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

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## July 5

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Sheila Ryan <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Wendy Wilson <b>Healing Prayer:</b> M. Stroud & D. Meyers	<b>Computer:</b> Donna Aspery <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud <b>Altar Guild:</b> Lori Gayhart
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## July 12

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Paul Senness <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Leslie Improta	<b>Computer:</b> Bruce Holroyd <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud <b>Altar Guild:</b> Karol Pulliam
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## July 19

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Tom Carey <b>Acolyte:</b> Alice Gray	<b>Computer:</b> Lisa Margraf <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud <b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Brock
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## July 26

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Bobbi Miller <b>Acolyte:</b> Jack Forney	<b>Computer:</b> Kyleigh Butz <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Sue Stroud <b>Altar Guild:</b> Kathy Holroyd
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## August 2

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Sheila Ryan <b>Acolyte:</b> Alice Gray <b>Healing Prayer:</b> S. Erickson & T. Piper	<b>Computer:</b> Lucas Stone <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan <b>Altar Guild:</b> Lori Gayhart
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## August 9 Church Picnic

<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Paul Senness <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Gaye Rodriguey	<b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan <b>Altar Guild:</b>
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## August 16

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Sharon Erickson <b>Acolyte:</b> Jack Forney	<b>Computer:</b> Rita Carter <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan <b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Brock
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## August 23

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Tom Carey <b>Acolyte:</b> Alice Gray	<b>Computer:</b> Kelly Lau <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan <b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Brock
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## August 30

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> Bobbi Miller <b>Acolyte:</b> Jack Forney	<b>Computer:</b> Sam Richards <b>Organ/Piano:</b> Verna Morgan <b>Altar Guild:</b> Diane
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Little Lutheran bags, in July: Mary Brock, in August: Colleen Pedlar

Thank you to Colleen Pedlar for June!

# FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY

	<i>May</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$ 38,376	\$ 186,532
Outgo	<u>33,842</u>	<u>181,192</u>
	\$ 4,534	\$ 5,339

# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JUNE

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
May 31	65	72
<b>Start of 9:30 AM Summer Worship</b>		
June 7	131	
June 14	147	
June 21	95	

Average Sunday attendance: 128

June 28 will be included in next month's statistics



BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD, AND  
WHOSE HOPE IS THE LORD. JEREMIAH 17:7, NKJV

This month's decorative font is: *SCRIBBLE*  
DropCaps are in: **STRIPESCAPS**

# July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>From Sea to Shining Sea</p>			1	2	3 Independence Day <i>(Observed)</i> Church Office Closed	4 Independence Day  INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 Worship 9:30 CA/library 7:30	6 7:00 North Whidbey NA	7 9:30 Blanket Workshop 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon	8 9:30 Blanket Workshop	9 1:00 Deborah Circle 4:15 Stephen Ministry 7:00 NA	10 3:00 QUEST CLUB	11 12:00 Singles Fellowship
12 Worship 9:30 CA/library 7:30	<p><b>Brass Camp</b> —sanctuary/fellowship hall/library/ed.wing — <i>Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 8:30 AM—5 PM; Tues &amp; Thurs 8:30 AM—6 PM</i></p>					
	13 7:00 North Whidbey NA	14 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Al Anon	15	16 7:00 NA	17	18
19 Worship 9:30 YFG Fun Run 4:00 CA/library 7:30	20 2:00 Living with Loss 7:00 North Whidbey NA	21 2:00 SPIN B.O.D. 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon	22	23 1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA	24 3:00 QUEST CLUB 3pm-7pm Watoto Sale Drop off	25 9am-3pm Watoto Garage Sale!  RUMMAGE SALE
26 Worship 9:30 CA/library 7:30	27 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 3:15PM 2:00 Living with Loss 7:00 North Whidbey NA	28 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 12:15PM 10:00 Church Mice Stampers— ed wing 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Al Anon	29	30 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 12:15PM	31 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 12:15PM	

# August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 <b>Worship</b> 9:30  CA/library 7:30	3 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 12:15PM  2:00 Living with Loss  7:00 North Whidbey NA	4 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 12:15PM  9:30 Blanket Workshop  5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 AI Anon	5 9:30 Blanket Workshop	6 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 3:15PM  1:00 Deborah Circle  7:00 NA	7 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 3:15PM	1  8 12:00 Singles Fellowship- offsite 3:00 Vow Renewal 5:00 Set up for Paint & Sip
9 <b>Church Picnic at Three Sisters Farm</b> <b>Worship</b> 11:00  YFG Paint & Sip 4:00 CA/library 7:30	10 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 12:15PM  2:00 Living with Loss  7:00 North Whidbey NA	11 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 3:15PM 10:00 Church Mice Stampers-ed. wing 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 3:00 SPiN B.O.D. 5:30 AI Anon	12 7:15 Cultural Homestay Int'l, lib./ed wing, to 3:15PM  Fellowship Hall 5:00-8:30 PM	13  1:00 Deborah Circle  4:15 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Council 7:00 NA	14  3:00 QUEST CLUB	15
16 <b>Worship</b> 9:30  CA/library 7:30	17 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  2:00 Living with Loss  7:00 North Whidbey NA	18  5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 AI Anon	19	20  1:00 Deborah Circle  7:00 NA	21	22
23 <b>Worship</b> 9:30  CA/library 7:30	24  2:00 Living with Loss  7:00 North Whidbey NA	25 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard  5:30 AI Anon	26	27  1:00 Deborah Circle  7:00 NA	28 9:00 newsletter assembly  3:00 QUEST CLUB	29
30 <b>Worship</b> 9:30  CA/library 7:30	31  7:00 North Whidbey NA					