



# Saron's Weekly Messenger

March 1, 2018

## Worship

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The Ten Commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

## Learning Tree and Saron

The Learning Tree in Escalon has contacted Saron, as the building they occupy is requiring remodeling, requesting to use our facilities for a period of time. The church council approved the request and the agreed upon monthly rental of \$1,000 plus increased costs for utilities. We anticipate their starting in late March but all necessary inspections must be completed. The timeframe for use is still unknown because of decisions about the extent of the remodeling are unknown until the contractor begins the project for them. Kathy Pendleton will work with the Learning Tree to help make this a smooth transition for them and our members.

The changes that it will make for Saron is that the church will be occupied, Monday through Friday, from 6:00 am until 6:30 pm. The Sunday school classrooms will be occupied, as well as the play area, restrooms and a portion of the Social Hall. A refrigerator has been dedicated for their use. The staff at the Learning Tree will work around the church schedule so that all functions will continue as scheduled.

### Fire Disaster

Please include your donations in the fire hat that is in the Social Hall for those in need from the recent California fires. You may also donate by indicating "fire disaster" on your offering envelopes. We currently have received \$305.00 and it is our goal to reach \$600.00. Your donations will help those that have been severely affected by the fires.

*For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light.  
Ephesians 5:8*

### Items for Raffle

The Christmas Bunco will be September 7 and if you have new items appropriate for the raffle or to be included in baskets, your donation would be appreciated. Please ask Pat Strand if you have any questions.

### It is Fun!

Plan to come to Saron on March 15 at 1:00 pm. All supplies are provided and direction is given. This is a time of fun and fellowship with some great snacks to provide energy. Just come. It is fun.

## Those Who Serve

<b>Serving</b>	<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S Harrison	T Hair	J Matt	S Tenglesen
<b>Flowers</b>	No flowers	No flowers	No flowers	Palms
<b>Greeters</b>	A Shaddix	Sh White	L/D Davis	K Gonzalez
<b>Organist</b>	B Dahlin	K Bomer	K Bomer	S McGowan
<b>Usher</b>	J Matt	J Matt	J Matt	J Matt
<b>Lector</b>	M Cole	K Linn	E Scholz	D Wright
<b>Acolyte</b>	G Olson	Sa White	K Avila	J Avila
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	D Grochau	Sh White	K Linn	K Reenstierna
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	S Harrison M Olson	D Strand F Hanlon	K Gonzalez D Grabow	M Olson S Harrison
<b>Money Counters</b>	K Pendleton B Emery	K Gonzales S Rose	R Scholz B Emery	D Grabow T Hair

### Future Events

#### **March 4**

Mission, Vision, & Direction – after each service

#### **April 18**

New Member Dinner – 6:00 pm

#### **March 7, 14, 21**

Soup Supper – 6:00 pm  
Holden Evening Vespers – 7:00 pm

#### **April 28**

Golf Tournament

#### **March 15**

Craft Day – 1:00 pm

#### **June 10**

Church Picnic

#### **March 25**

Palm Sunday

#### **September 7**

Christmas Bunco Night

#### **March 29**

Maundy Service – 7:00 pm

#### **November 3**

Kris Kringle

#### **March 30**

Good Friday – 7:00 pm

#### **April 1**

Easter