



# Saron's Weekly Messenger

March 8, 2018

## Worship

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

## Note from Phil Sandall

I would like to share with you that Pastor Sheri will return to Saron after her break in April as our interim pastor. She will be with us until Easter Sunday and then return on May 6. We are grateful for the decision by Pastor Sheri to return to Saron during the time that we are taking the necessary steps to prepare for the future and a pastor.

## In Memoriam

***Norman Everett Holck***

***Born: 7/11/40 Died: 3/7/18***

A memorial service will be at Saron on March 24 at 10:00 am. You are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

## Stewardship Message from Suzanne Tengelsen

Just what is a congregation? According to the constitution of the ELCA, 2001: "A congregation is a community of the baptized persons whose existence depends on the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the sacraments and whose purpose is to worship God, to nurture its members, and to reach out in witness and service to the world. To this end it assembles regularly for worship and nurture, organizes and carries out fulfillment of God's mission in the world." So, as a congregation, how do we do the above? As the Three Wise men sought and followed the "light" and found the Christ Child, we are commissioned to do the same – find and commit to the "light," Jesus Christ. Please join us to spread, share, and shine the sacred "light" with others for all to see and for all to come, especially now as we continue with our Lenten journey.



## Learning Tree

We are beginning to see plans for children from 2-5 years coming to Saron beginning on April 10. Many items have had to be relocated in preparation for the move and some of the surplus is in the Fireside Room. Please check with Kathy Pendleton about items that you might like to take. It is time for us to have a work day to go through all miscellaneous items that were found during the clean-up in preparation for classes beginning. Your help in doing this would be appreciated. Please let the church office or Kathy know that you are available.

### Birthday Wishes

The congregation will extend their birthday wishes to Mabel Rieveld on Sunday. A cake will be served following the late service. Mabel moved to Escalon in the 1950's, had six children, and she and her husband Case became a member of Saron. Her address if you would like to send a card is: 368 S. Wilma Avenue, Ripon, CA 95366

### Moving

Alice and Clay Dobbins share that they have mixed feelings about moving from California. They have one granddaughter, and her husband plus their four children in Big Bear City, CA. They will miss their friends and neighbors. However, they will be with their family in Fort Worth, Texas. Currently, they are in the process of packing and preparing to relocate.

The new address for Alice and Clayton is: 7357 Brightwater Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76132.

### Prayers

Continue to pray for our youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. Those going are Grace Olson, Julie, Katie, and Tommy Avila, Konnor Spears, and their sponsors Teresa and Shane. God bless them.

### Thank You

I want to thank everyone at Saron for the beautiful plant sent as a token of sympathy at the passing of my father. Your gift of love and kindness touches me deeply and I appreciate each and every one of you. The plant is a gorgeous peace lily which is very meaningful to me because I know our Lord gives us the "peace that passes all understanding." Thank you all.

Love in Christ,  
Sylvia McGowan

The Relay for Life team and Nuts for Life expresses their special thanks to Saron for the use of its facilities for their tri-tip dinner. Thanks also to all those who supported the team's fundraiser.

### Day Light Savings

Day Light Savings Time begins March 11. Please remember to change your clocks **ahead**. Also, it is a good time to remember to check your smoke alarms.

### C.A.R.E.

Don't forget to bring **Rice A Roni** and **Canned Milk** or make a donation of canned fruit juices or any monetary fund.

## Those Who Serve

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

### Future Events

**March 14, 21**

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

**April 18**

New Member Dinner – 6:00 pm

**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