



# The Good Word April 2024

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## From the Pastor

Music plays a central role in Lutheran worship. I have memories of holding the "old red book" and singing hymns that were accompanied by a talented organist. As a teenager, I learned that our congregation's organist continued to take lessons monthly. I remember it surprising me that someone who gave piano lessons would still be taking lessons herself, but she explained that the organ and piano are very different instruments to play, and said she would always have something to learn.

Ours is not the pipe organ you may be familiar with. Instead, our organ was state of the art for the 1950s, complete with vacuum tubes! Repair techs have warned us over the past decade or so that they would soon be unable to continue to service the organ, leading the worship team, property team, and church council to difficult conversations about the organ's future with us.

We've had these conversations over the past few years, trying to determine how to most faithfully and responsibly steward the congregation's resources, as well as try to thoughtfully plan for the future.

Further complicating the conversation is the fact that fewer people are taking piano lessons today. Even fewer learning to play sufficiently well enough to play in public. Far fewer are learning to play the organ. We were fortunate that, when Arlene decided to retire, Beth was willing to step in immediately. We had anticipated needing a months-long search to find someone.

As much as I wish otherwise, as much as some of you may wish otherwise, we have come to the conclusion that it is most likely time to say farewell to the organ. Attempting to continue to repair it would be costly and, in the long term, not feasible. Taking on that expense, given the long list of repairs and updates needed for our aging building and the uncertainty of having someone who would be able to play it, does not feel like faithful or responsible stewardship of the congregation's resources.

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## Worship Updates

Sunday worship is at 10 am. This service is live-streamed on Facebook. The video, as well as worship materials, can be found on our website, [oslc-seaside.org](http://oslc-seaside.org). You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

### **Texts for April:**

7: Second Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

14: Third Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

We know that there are people (including some of us in the conversations) who miss hearing an organ on Sunday mornings. Thanks to 2020s era technology, an organ-like sound is possible from electronic keyboards. By moving the organ out of the space it currently occupies, we would gain a flexibility to the space that can allow for more comfortable seating arrangements for our musicians. Additionally, we may be able to relocate our livestream operation from the hallway to a spot in that area, allowing those who monitor our livestream to be amongst us during worship.

Please know that this has not been an easy decision to make, nor is it easy for me to communicate it to you. If you have any questions, I'll do my best to answer them. If you would simply like to express your disappointment, I'm here to listen.

We will keep you informed about this process and, before the organ is removed, we will offer it an appropriate farewell during worship.

*Pastor Sue*

### Getting to Know You

No doubt you know Benny Olson as he was born and raised in Seaside and baptized here in our church 27 years ago, and recognize him as a faithful acolyte many Sunday mornings. Benny graduated from Seaside High School and played varsity football his junior and senior year and was the basketball team manager when he was a senior. He continues to enjoys these sports especially watching the Sea Hawks and the Portland Blazers.

When we talked about vacations and traveling Benny mentioned how much he enjoyed going to Hawaii last year and to Mexico a few years ago. He enjoyed the people, music, and food so much that he sometime prepares quesadillas for his family (at half time, I bet). Sometime in the future he would like to travel in Asia as he thinks the culture and architecture are very interesting. Right now he is saving money from working at the theater to drive to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho this summer to visit his sister.

This old mother of three young women really enjoyed her visit with this congenial young man and is sure you would too.

Blessings, Karen Y. Tye

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

3 Terri Johnson	17 Sandra Watkins
5 Jim Haugen	25 Jeanette Nicolazzi
10 Phil Nelson	28 Arlene Ydstie



#### **Happy Anniversary to:**

16 JR & Lyn D'Amelio

### South County Food Bank

We have a year-round collection for the Food Bank. For April we are collecting canned fruit, pork & beans, soup, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, syrup, and pancake mix. Please leave your donations in the bin in the front entry hall. For updates on needed items, please watch the Sunday bulletins.

# Nurse Notes

National Healthcare Decision Day is April 16. Individual healthcare decisions made in Oregon are specified utilizing the Advanced Directive and POLST.

The Advanced Directive is a legal document, also referred to as a Living Will. This form is used to choose a person who has your permission to make healthcare decisions for you if you become too sick to speak for yourself. This person becomes your Healthcare representative, your Medical Power of Attorney. The document instructs health care providers who will speak for you and the medical decisions they should make.

The POLST, "Portable Orders for Life Sustaining Treatments," is a medical document that a person may use to turn your end-of-life treatment wishes into medical orders. It is utilized for a person with a serious progressive illness, and for a person who is older, frail, and not wanting all available medical treatments. A POLST is never required by any healthcare providers.

These documents are usually provided by healthcare providers. Please let me know if you have questions or would like to receive either document.

April is National Foot Health Awareness Month. Foot checkups are recommended annually. If you have not had a thorough check, recently see me.

April is Testicular Cancer Awareness Month. Monthly self-examination is recommended and is very important as proactive care. Please make this part of your self-care, just as women should be proactively doing breast self-examinations.

Please let me know if you have any questions or health concerns. I am available any time.

Blessings and good health to you all.

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## Small Groups

**Quilters** meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am. See Claudia Halliburton if you are interested. ***NO sewing experience necessary!***

**Book Group** will meet on April 25 at 7 pm, on Zoom. This month they are reading "Young Jane Young" by Gabrielle Zevin. See Pastor Sue for more information.

**Prayer Shawl** team meets on the **second Thursday**, April 11, at 1 pm, in the West Hall. See Becky Nelson for more information.

**Girls' Movie Matinee** will meet on April 19 at 1:00 pm in the West Hall.

