

RELIGION BRIEFS

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

On Sunday, the Knights of Columbus are serving breakfast in the Star of the Sea School auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave., after both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave. Pancakes, eggs, bacon and/or sausage, fruit and an assortment of pastries are on the menu. All are welcome.

The StandUp Girl Gala fundraising dinner is scheduled for Feb. 23. For questions about this pro-life initiative, or for reservations, call Dan Ewald at 503-338-8961.

For information, call the church at 503-325-3671.

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., offers a warm community meal at 4 p.m. Sunday. Come at 3 p.m. to help serve, and 5 p.m. to help clean up.

The Youth Group meets at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Youth in grades six and above are welcome to attend.

Grace Church is holding a book and media "Books & Brownies & Browsing" Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18. Books of all kinds will be available, and donations are needed and welcomed (no encyclopedias) and can be dropped off any morning next week.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is holding a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. The Rev. Kit Ketcham's topic is "Standing on the Side of Love."

Jeff and Monica Van Steenberg are the greeters. Following the service, a potluck is being held on the second floor at the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Bringing something to share is requested, but not required.

For information, call 503-325-5225 or go to www.pacuuf.org

Pioneer Presbyterian

WARRENTON — A new Bible study class is being formed at Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way. All those interested in attending the class are encouraged to come to a meeting at 1 p.m. Monday in the church office to select the study materials.

The class is tentatively scheduled to begin Feb. 27 and to meet once a week for six weeks. Everyone is welcome. Those who are interested, but can't attend the meeting, should call the church at 503-861-2421 and leave their name and phone number or email address to receive more information.

First Lutheran

Worship and Holy Communion take place at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday services at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. At 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and the "Seven Sundays of Service" program features Karin Temple explaining labyrinth prayer. The Orchid Society meets at 2 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

On Monday, the Scandinavian Workshop is at 10 a.m., Sea Scouts meet at 5:30 p.m. and the Hope House Parenting Class is at 6 p.m.

Stewardship Sewing meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, TOPS is at 5:30 p.m., Pure Life Alliance is at 5:45 p.m., and the Fort Clatsop Boy Scouts are at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, Devotional Bible Study is at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room, followed by Senior Choir practice at 7 p.m.

The Columbia Coast Cluster Luncheon is at noon Thursday; the Church Council meets at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council members are holding a workshop in the Friendship Room from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The Retirement Village Gathering is at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room on the second floor.

For information, call the church at 503-325-6252 or go to www.astoriafirst-lutheran.com

Free seed exchange set for Saturday

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NEHALEM — "Give Seeds a Chance" the fourth annual free seed exchange, is being held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the White Clover Grange, 36585 Oregon Highway 53 in Nehalem. Herb, vegetable, flower and native plant seeds, and information and handouts, will be available.

Collected or extra commercially packaged seeds should be placed in small envelopes or zip-sealed baggies and marked with as much information as possible. All seeds are free, whether seeds are brought to share or not.

Maia Holliday, local gardener, permaculturist and

landscape designer, is giving a talk at 1 p.m., "Planting for Bees and Other Pollinators." Adrian Canilho-Burke, of Food Roots, is bringing the Tillamook Library seed exchange pop-up, and has information on the Seed to Supper gardening class and other Food Roots programs.

Organizers of the event encourage gardeners to commit to growing favorite flowers and vegetables and purposely saving that seed for next year's exchange.

Those who cannot attend the event, but would like to participate, can email barbaraandchuck@nehalemtnet.net

For information, call Barbara McLaughlin at 503-368-6874.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H — Looking for 4-H leaders. For information, call Sandra Carlson at the Oregon State University Extension at 503-325-8573.

American Red Cross — Needs registration volunteers (donor ambassadors) in Clatsop County to provide customer service and enhance the blood donor experience. For information, call Angela Basurto at 503-528-5430.

Astoria Column — 1 Coxcomb Drive. Volunteers needed to welcome visitors, provide information and answer questions about the Astoria Column and the city of Astoria. For information, call the Friends of the Astoria Column Visitor Center at 503-325-2963.

Astoria Riverfront Trolley Association — 111 W. Marine Drive. Needs conductors/motormen to operate trolley and narrate points of interest. One or more three-hour shifts per month. For information, call the 503-325-6311.

Astoria Senior Center — 1111 Exchange St. To volunteer, call Larry Miller at 503-325-3231.

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce — 111 W. Marine Drive. Volunteers needed at the chamber and for events. For information, call 503-325-6311.

Camp Kiwanilong — A large variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call 503-861-2933 or go to www.campkiwanilong.org

Caring Adults Developing Youth (CADY) Mentoring Program — 800 Exchange St., second floor. Needs mentors for youths ages 10 to 17 at risk of school failure. Time commitment: one year, about eight hours per month. For information, contact Laura Parker at 503-325-8601 or lparker@co.clatsop.or.us

Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc. — Needs volunteers who have a strong commitment to work on behalf of the Clatsop County Animal Shelter's dogs and cats. For information, email info@clatsopdogsandcats.org or call 503-861-0737.

Clatsop Care Center — Volunteers needed daily for all three meals to provide one-on-one assistance to dining dependent residents. Volunteers must participate in a 16-hour training program. For information, contact Mandy Brenchley at 503-325-0313, ext. 209.

Clatsop County Animal Shelter — Animal care volunteers age 16 and older needed for one 3-hour shift per week. Pick up an application at 1315 S.E. 19th St., Warrenton. For information, or to schedule orientation, call Leslie Atkinson at 503-325-1000.

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank — Volunteers needed to help hand out fruits and vegetables at the weekly produce pantries for two hours on Thursdays, from April to October, in Seaside and Warrenton. Warehouse attendants are needed for food packing or processing, picking orders for agencies, light janitorial and housekeeping, or lawn and grounds maintenance. Three to four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. To volunteer, call 503-861-3663.

Clatsop Community College Outreach Literacy — Needs volunteer literacy tutors to work with adults, native and non-native speakers. Training available. For information, call 503-338-2557.

Clatsop County Public Works — 1101 Olney Ave. Adopt-A-Road volunteers needed to remove litter two times (minimum) per year for two years. Safety equipment and supplies provided. Volunteers must receive safety orientation. For information, call 503-325-8631.

Clatsop Cruise Hosts — Looking for volunteers to meet and greet cruise ship passengers and crew, provide information and answer questions about the Clatsop County area. Ships arrive in the spring and fall, about 20 ships each year. Work all the ships or part of them. For information, go to www.clatsopcruisehosts.org

Columbia Memorial Hospital — Needs volunteers to provide assistance to patients, visitors and hospital staff. Training provided. For information, go to www.columbiamemorial.org. To schedule an interview, call 503-325-4321.

Freemasons discuss civility



Submitted Photo

Sam Roberts, grand secretary of the Freemasons of Washington, second right, was the guest speaker at the Feb. 2 meeting of the Occident Lodge No. 48 in Ilwaco, Washington. He is pictured with, from left, Mike Carmel, district deputy, Walt Twidwell, senior deacon, and Ron Robbins, master. Roberts spoke about the need for civility, issuing a challenge to all members of Freemasons' lodges to set a high example for positive and civil public discussions, especially with people with whom they may disagree. Lodge No. 48 meets the first Thursday of the month, and have informal lunches at noon Wednesdays at the lodge hall, 205 E. Spruce Street, Ilwaco. For details, call 360-642-3636.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Al-Anon (Astoria) — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St.; 12 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. For information, call 503-325-1087; 7 p.m. Thursday, Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. For information, call 503-458-6467.

Al-Anon (Clatskanie) — 8 p.m., Monday, United Methodist Church, 290 S. Nehalem St. For information, call 503-728-3351.

Al-Anon (Nehalem) — 7 p.m. Monday, Riverbend Room, North County Recreation District, 36155 Ninth St. For information, call 503-368-8255.

Al-Anon (Seaside) — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, call 503-810-5196 for information.

Al-Anon (Tillamook) — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, St. Albans Episcopal Church, 2102 Sixth St., call 503-842-5094 for information; noon Friday, 5012 Third St., call 503-730-5863 for information.

Al-Anon Family Groups information, Oregon Area Al-Anon website. oregonal-anon.org

Alateen (Tillamook) — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 5012 Third St. For information, call 503-730-5863.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting, call 503-861-5526 or go to www.aa-oregon.org

Celebrate Recovery — 6 p.m. Thursday, The Table Church, 852 Broadway, Seaside. Faith-based 12-step program designed to help anyone struggling with hurts, habits and hangups, including drugs and alcohol, anger, co-dependence, domestic abuse or sex, food or

pornography addictions. Being religious not required. Free dinner and child care provided. For information, call D.B. Lewis at 503-741-5977.

Eating Disorders Anonymous — 1:10 to 2:10 p.m. Wednesdays, River Zen Yoga, 399 31st St. A 12-Step program. For information, call Susan Williams at 510-417-5553.

Kick Butts Group Meets (Nicotine Anonymous) — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

Men's Sexual Purity Recovery Group — Tuesday nights. Part of the Pure Life Alliance (www.purelifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voice mail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

Narcotics Anonymous — The Northwest Oregon Area of Narcot-

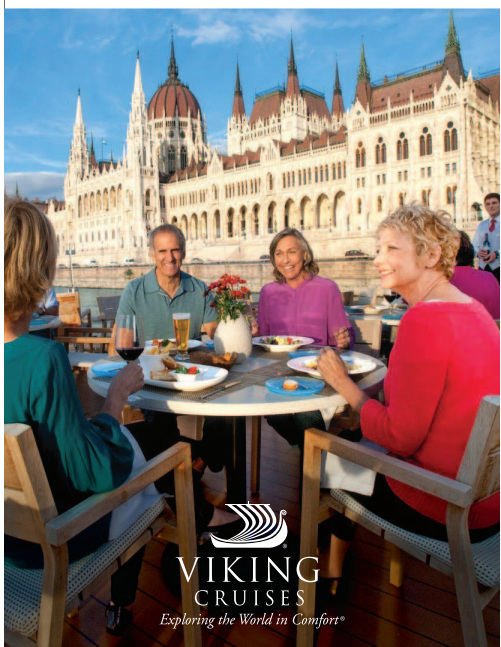
ics Anonymous (NWOA) holds meetings in Clatsop County. For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the Helpline at 503-717-3702, or go to www.nworegonna.org

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) (Astoria) — 5 p.m. weigh-in, 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday, First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-298-9058.

TOPS (Seaside) — 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. meeting Tuesday, North Coast Family Fellowship Church, 2245 N. Wahanna Road. All are welcome. For information, call 509-910-0354.

TOPS (Warrenton) — 9 to 9:45 a.m. weigh-in, 10 a.m. meeting Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 30 N.E. First St. For information, call Marilyn Barnard 503-861-2918 or Jeannie Pike 503-861-1404.

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