

RELIGION BRIEFS

First Lutheran

The Fifth Sunday in Lent is celebrated at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. The installation of council members takes place at both worship services. Council members are furnishing treats for the coffee hours between and after services.

The Fun First @ First event is "Seeds For the Community Garden Sunday." The garden plots are small, so seeds for compact plants, such as lettuce, spinach, bush beans, bush squashes (zucchini, summer squashes) and herbs are needed. Pumpkins, corn or pale beans are not appropriate.

At 12:30 p.m. Sunday, the Call Committee meets with Susan Kintner from the Synod office to receive the names of candidates for the pastor's position.

The Scandinavian Workshop begins at 10 a.m. Monday; Sea Scouts meet at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Stewardship Sewing/quilters meet at 9:30 a.m., TOPS meets at 5:30 p.m. and Pure Life Alliance meets at 5:45 p.m.

The Midweek Lenten program with members of Peace Lutheran Church begins at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, with a Morning Bible Study and "Coloring the Way to the Cross," followed by the Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m., Sharing Time and "Coloring the Way to the Cross" exercise at 6 p.m. and the Midweek Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. The Senior Choir practice begins at 7 p.m.

For information, call 503-325-6252 or go to www.astoriafirstlutheran.com

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., observes the Fifth Sunday in Lent at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services on Sunday. The First Sunday of the month Lenten Labyrinth Walk is available from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday. A labyrinth introduction is offered at 3 p.m., upon request. It takes an average of 30 minutes to complete the circle.

On Fridays during Lent, contemplative music for listening and/or walking the Stations of the Cross is offered between 12:10 and 1 p.m. Jennifer Goodenberger plays the piano on April 7.

Grace Church has issued a Call for Art for the sixth Annual Jean Barney Memorial Art Exhibition, "Gifts of Grace." The Award Reception is



Submitted Photo

Having fun preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt at First Lutheran Church are, from left, Nancy Ledgerwood, Dena Tuveng, Sierra Adams and Spencer Johnston. The egg hunt, for children through sixth grade, is being held at 9:45 a.m. April 16, Easter Sunday, at the church. An Easter breakfast takes place from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. All are welcome.

at noon June 11, and the exhibit runs from June 9 through July 11. Entry forms and information are available in the church office from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday.

Grace Episcopal Church Preschool open registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins Monday. Denise Allen and Denise Raihala teach students ages 3 to 5 in classes which are held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. weekdays. Registration forms are available on the website, www.graceastoria.org, and at the church weekday mornings.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Carol Newman answers the question "What News Can You Trust?"

Nancy Cook is the service leader, Jimmy Pearson and Allie Soliman are the greeters and Arline LaMear and Monica Pearson are providing refreshments for the Social Hour after the service.

The Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice and Renew Oregon invites participation in a video conference: "Clean Energy Jobs Bill

Overview and Campaign Field Strategy" at 7 p.m. Monday. For information, go to <http://bit.ly/2oa11eQ>

For questions, call 503-338-6883 or go to www.pacuuf.org

Community HU sing

SEASIDE — A Seaside Community Eckankar HU Sing takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Regardless of one's beliefs or religion, anyone can sing HU (pronounced hue), an ancient name for God; it is for the spiritual upliftment of those who come, and is not directed to any other purpose. For information, call Seann Valen at 503-717-5485, email access49@gmail.com or go to www.eckankar.org

Society of Friends

SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Lower Columbia Worship Group of the Society of Friends (Quaker) meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Peninsula Church Center Fireside Room (south building), 5000 N Place. This is a "silent" (unprogrammed) worship group. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, call 503-895-7474.

Cannon Beach Community

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132

E. Washington St., holds an Evensong service at 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Evensong features Wes Warhund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection.

For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

Ecumenical Event

The public is invited to attend a community-wide ecumenical event in Astoria: The 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr's sermon/speech, "Beyond Vietnam — A Time to Break Silence," which is being held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave.

This event is intended to honor and remember the life and death of King, and to foster the work of healing and unraveling racism and oppression. The audio of King delivering the speech runs for 54 minutes. A few of his favorite hymns are being sung following the sermon, and visitors are encouraged to remain afterward to sit quietly and meditate in the candlelit church.

There is no charge for this event, and childcare is available. For information, contact Janet Weidman at 503-741-0345.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

The Stations of the Cross are being held at 6 p.m. today in the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave., followed by a soup and bread supper in the Star of the Sea School auditorium.

On Sunday, the Knights of Columbus breakfast buffet takes place after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Eggs, bacon or sausage, pancakes, juice, coffee and assorted pastries are available. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, or \$15 for families with two adults. All are welcome.

For information, call the church at 503-325-3671 or go to www.stmaryastoria.com

Holy Nativity Eastern Orthodox

HAMMOND — Discover and participate in the Holy Liturgy that has been preserved for nearly 2,000 years by attending the Holy Nativity Eastern Orthodox Mission service being held Sunday at St. Francis de Sales Mission, 867 Fifth Ave. Matins are at 8:30 a.m.; Liturgy is at 10 a.m. A social hour follows.

Holy Nativity is a Mission Church of the Orthodox Church in America. Kevin Lien is the Priest in Charge.

For information or questions, call 503-298-3453 or 503-440-3930.

Calvary Episcopal

SEASIDE — On Friday, April 7, Calvary Episcopal Church, 503 N. Holladay Drive, offers the final in a series of "Moments for Meditation" for the season of Lent from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Diane Amos, a pianist, is the guest artist. Calvary also offers the Holy Eucharist Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

For information, call the church at 503-738-5773 or go to www.calvary-episcopalseaside.com

Pioneer Presbyterian

WARRENTON — The Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way, is building its annual Daffodil Cross at the church, which is near Camp Rilea, starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. When finished, the cross is 40 feet tall and contains 5,000 blooms.

Anyone who wishes to help out is welcome. Wear gardening clothes and be prepared for inclement weather. Refreshments will be served.

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