



Camano Lutheran Church

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Camano Lutheran Dove

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Reflections with Pastor Scott



Intentional Disciple

Lent has traditionally been a time of the catechumenate when people are preparing to become members of the church. They go through religious instruction covering various topics of faith. A word we often hear in the church is the word Disciple. The term at its core means learner/student or follower. That's what these catechumenates are, disciples.

Jesus disciples were students and followers of Jesus and they learned from Jesus who he was as messiah and what it meant to be a follower of Christ. They took "instruction" daily from Jesus. Sometimes it happened during travels and other times while they were staying at someone's house. On occasion, these lessons came when Jesus was in or near the temple. The key was their openness to learn from Jesus, being patient in trying to understand what Jesus was calling them to as followers, and an openness to continue to learn each day.

How are you learning who God is in Christ and what Christ is calling you to each day? The answer to these questions often comes in our intentional daily or regular practices where God is invited into our life, and we listen. For some it is daily scripture reading as God's word always has the chance to speak to us and our life. For others it is daily prayer lifting ones concerns before God and seeking to listen to hear God's response. For others it is engagement with reading that intentionally invites God in and where we can learn about God and from God. The list is many. I think a real key is that we are intentional about regularly opening ourselves up to God connecting with us heart, soul and mind.

If you have not done so in the past, I would like to invite you to try at least one intentional way of connecting with God this Lent. Your choice of course, but I would like to recommend at least one simple discipline. We have daily devotionals available for free at church. They are Christ in Our Home or Gathered into One an intentional daily Lent focused devotional. If you prefer online go to the following link www.luthersem.edu/godpause/email/ and sign up for a daily email devotional.

This is just one simple way to be an intentional disciple of Christ during Lent.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,

Pastor Scott

The Bishop's Article from the February 2024 Edition of The Spirit



From the Bishop:

Today as I write this, I am acutely aware that I am home.

You see, I was supposed to be on a plane today – traveling to the Holy Land – with thirty people from this synod. We were going to see holy sites: the

Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem, and so much more.

Besides visiting these holy sites, we were going to be with our Lutheran siblings in Palestine and Israel. We were going to visit with and learn from Bishop Azar, the pastors, and the laypeople of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). We were going to visit our Lutheran schools in Bethlehem, Beit Sahour, Ramallah, and Beit Jala. We were going to visit the only liberal arts university in Palestine – Dar Al-Kalima University in Bethlehem. We were going to visit the Lutheran hospital, Augusta Victoria Hospital. And we were going to visit our Jewish siblings who work for justice and peace.

Today as I write this, I am acutely aware that today is the one hundredth day since fighting began in the Holy Land. On October 7, 2023 Hamas killed around 1,200 people and kidnapped over two hundred. It was a horrible and horrendous attack on women, children, and the elderly.

Following this attack, Israel began striking with guns, bombs, and other devices of war. At this moment, the death toll in Gaza is 24,100 dead with 61,000 others wounded. It is estimated that two-thirds of those killed in Gaza so far are women and children –all non-combatants. Almost the entire population of Gaza is now displaced, and starvation and disease are rampant.

By anyone's estimate, these are horrifying statistics, and they cannot, at all, begin to acknowledge the pain and anguish from all sides.

Now, I am not an expert of the Holy Land or the Israel-Palestinian conflict. I cannot begin to parse out all that happens in this area of the world – especially in such a short article as this. But as a baptized child of God, pastor, and your bishop, I

know that this war is not God's way. I know that God calls us to advocate for those whose voices have been silenced. I know that God calls not for a pretend cease fire but true dialogue. I know that God calls us to a just peace where all people are recognized as human.

As many of you know, I was part of a group of seventeen ELCA bishops who went to the Holy Land last year. While we were there, we visited the ELCJHL schools in Palestine and Israel. We saw Muslim and Christian children learning together. We saw dancing and singing. We listened to their stories and we rejoiced at the hope we saw there. When we visited Augusta Victoria Hospital during this same visit, we saw Muslim doctors treating Christian patients and vice versa. When we visited with an Israeli non-profit dedicated to justice for the Palestinians, we saw Jews and Muslims, Israelis and Palestinians, working together for peace and justice.

Dear Beloveds in Christ, please take to heart what our brother in Christ, ELCJHL Bishop Sani Ibrahim Azar, said on Reformation Day 2023 while speaking at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem:

“It is very hard to speak about hope here in Jerusalem ... As Palestinian Christians, we have been here for many years, not recognized, but calling for reconciliation. We are serving people's needs and we are working for the future of the whole human family...The priority right now is to end the war, to stop the killing of women and men, children and the elderly ... We hope that our Christian brothers and sisters elsewhere in the world are praying for us, praying for Christians in the Holy Land and for the rights of Palestinians to exist here.”

As we are privileged to be in our homes – and as millions have been displaced from their homes – let us pray for true peace, work for justice, and speak out against hatred.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it... The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:14, 18

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship Snapshot



	<u>Dec 2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Offerings Received	31,879	282,756
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	361	4,514
Interest Earned - General Account	74	975
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	580	6,960
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	250	2,250
Total Income	<u>33,144</u>	<u>297,455</u>
Budgeted Expenses Paid	<u>30,066</u>	<u>295,106</u>
Overage (Shortage)	<u>3,078</u>	<u>2,349</u>
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	1,009	12,153
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	<u>2,997</u>	<u>24,093</u>
Total Benevolence Paid Out	<u>4,006</u>	<u>36,246</u>

Sunday Scripture Lessons for February 2024

Feb 4th: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- Isaiah 40:21-31
- Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
- 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 - Mark 1:29-39

Feb 18th: First Sunday in Lent

- Genesis 9:8-17
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Mark 1:9-15

Feb 11th: Transfiguration of Our Lord

- 2 Kings 2:1-12
- Psalm 50:1-6
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 - Mark 9:2-9

Feb 25th: Second Sunday in Lent

- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- Psalm 22:23-31
- Romans 4:13-25
- Mark 8:31-38



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

February 2024

Safe Harbor Clinic

Safe Harbor Clinic was founded in 2008 by a local family physician who believed in the vision that “all have access to free, professional healthcare services regardless of circumstances.” Their mission is to show Christ’s love by providing free healthcare to those in need. SHFC serves residents primarily from Snohomish, Skagit and Island counties who are under or uninsured and often lack access to medical care and prevention. Safe Harbor Clinic is a lifeline to health for these individuals and families. Recently, they have expanded their services to Smokey Point/Arlington area. Their services are available in both English and Spanish to our local communities. To help continue to support this vital, local ministry consider a gift to our Benevolence of the Month.

Safe Harbor Clinic offers the following services:

- Urgent Care Same Day Clinic
- Chronic Care Clinic
- Podiatry Clinic
- Procedure Clinic
- Respiratory clinic
- Laboratory services
- Ultrasound Clinic
- Cardiac Clinic



DECEMBER 2023 PROPERTY TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Although December is generally a very busy month for most, it was a relatively light month for the Property Team.

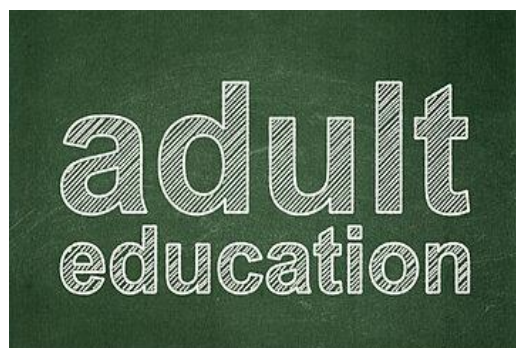
1. Set up, and took down, the stage for the Pre-School Christmas program.
2. Unplugged a clogged Child Care toilet
3. Replaced burnt out light bulbs in the Men's and Women's bathrooms
4. Tightened loose toilet seats in the Child Care and Main bathrooms.
5. Gutters around the buildings were cleaned.
6. Replaced the LED light bulb that illuminates sign. Possibly defective???

We now enthusiastically look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in 2024. No task is too great, nor too small, for our attention.

Happy New Year.

Jim

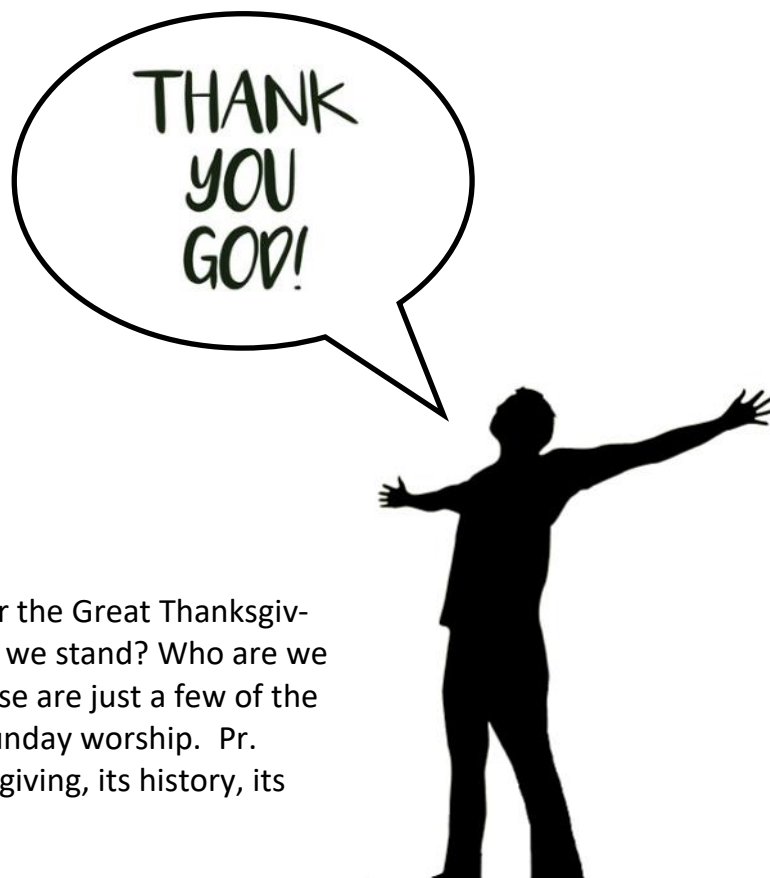
ADULT EDUCATION



Adult Education Series for Lent
Beginning February 18
Pastor Carl Gabrielson

The Great Thanksgiving

Each Sunday Pr. Scott invites us to “. . . stand for the Great Thanksgiving.” “What is the Great Thanksgiving? Why do we stand? Who are we thanking? What are we giving thanks for?” These are just a few of the questions we may have about this part of our Sunday worship. Pr. Carl will lead an exploration of the Great Thanksgiving, its history, its meaning, its significance for our growth in faith.



2024 GATHERING PLACE INFORMATION



The Gathering Place

~2024

February 8 * June 6

August 8 * December 5

Camano Lutheran is on the schedule to help prepare, serve and clean-up the meal for the **Gathering Place**. Camano Lutheran has participated in this ministry since its inception in 2006.

Prep work begins about 3:45 and we begin serving at 5:00 pm. Clean-up usually begins around 5:45 and we're out by 6:15-6:30. If you come to help, you needn't stay the entire time AND no specialized cooking skills are needed! There's always something to do: chop, peel, stir, serve, wash dishes, etc.

The meals are ALWAYS on Thursday evening; hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church (across from Josephine Caring Community). Over the past year the number of Stanwood/Camano locals that have been served average around 50 +/- . This is a free-meal provided to encourage fellowship & socialization for the community. Those that prepare & serve are encouraged to sit and eat with guests.

If you'd like further information or would like to volunteer to help, either for the entire meal or as long as you are able, please contact: Susann E. Hendrickson 425-330-3702

6-7 kitchen workers are appreciated! .

CHILDCARE CORNER JANUARY 2024

Welcome Back! We closed between Christmas and New Years. On Tuesday, January 2nd, the teachers all returned for our Professional Development Day. They all spent the morning hours going through licensing checklists as it pertains to their rooms. The afternoon was spent with our Early Achiever's Coach who took them through a STARS Training on Social / Emotional Development.

We were just getting back into the swing of our routines when we got snow and ice. Our inclement weather policy is that we follow what the school district does. If they are closed, we are closed. So, we closed for two days. Friday, January 19th we were on a 2-hour delay. It was very nice to see the children again and have the halls busy with laughter.

We are still in the process of meeting state standards to install a fire alarm system throughout the church. A great thank you to all involved in this endeavor.

The Island County Health Nurse has supplied us with plenty of Covid Test Kits. If you should need/want one, please reach out to us. We can make sure you get one.

Camano Lutheran Childcare has room for more children. If you know of anyone who may need care, please have them reach out to us. Our phone number is (360) 629-2253. They can also email us at childcare@camanolutheranchurch.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings to you all,

Deanna Glenn



thank you

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Advent and Christmas are over and I have so many of you to thank for your support and for stepping up to help with decorating, extra services and soup suppers.

Stephanie Lightbody and her family and Sara Lynn lead off the decorating of the sanctuaries. Many, many volunteers gave up their Saturday to hang garland and fabric and decorate the tree. It was heartwarming to see the participation. Thanks to each of you.

Jim Joyce and Dan Bauermeister brought down the decorations from the attic. Special thanks goes to Derek Floyd for generously providing two beautiful trees, setting them up and adding the lights. Thanks to all who donated poinsettias and candles.

Soup suppers were very successful thanks to Joan and Dan Bauermeister, Thea and Steve Hanna, and Irene and Ron Nelson for stepping up to set up and organize these meals. Also thanks to all who prepared and served soup and helped with the clean-up.

Finally, thanks to all who stayed after church to help take down all the decorations. All throughout year, my endless thanks to all your help weekly with ushering, greeting, reading, setting up and taking down the altar and worship space and providing coffee set up and treats. This congregation is such a blessing.

Marilyn Smith

Worship and Music Ministry Team

thank you



Thank You!

December 14, 2023

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,483.50 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA. I'd like to share a story with you about how your support makes a real difference.

Deysi Milagros Canales Machuca was in elementary school when Lutheran World Relief staff met her, and she was scrawny and hungry. Her village in Peru was experiencing famine and a two-year drought, and her family was surviving on the one variety of potato they could get to grow.

But you changed everything. Your kind generosity delivered seeds, tools and mentorship for Deysi's village. They learned how to grow a variety of foods that are well-suited to their unique mountain climate, and they were able to expand their livestock herds. Because of you, Deysi is now a thriving, healthy adult with a baby of her own, and she is studying to be a nurse so she can take care of her community. Today, Deysi has hope.

Thank you for your generosity! When you love your neighbors, it transforms their lives. We are proud to be your hands and feet out in the world... until your love reaches every neighbor.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel V. Speckhard".

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

P.S. For the latest updates on how your generous gifts are reaching neighbors in need all over the world, I invite you stay in touch through our blog (lwr.org/news) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our staff at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

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Dear Camano Lutheran Congregation

Thank you for your generous donation of gifts for the residents of Josephine Caring Community this holiday.

You lifted their spirits in a meaningful way and reminded them of the community's compassion that surrounds them.

Blessings



Birthdays

1 st Jackson Kintner	16 th Dale Johnson
4 th Marcie Tepley	18 th Jim Erickson
6 th Bob Hovey	23 rd Darlene Miller
6 th Ron Nelson	24 th Naomi Melby
7 th Austin Staffenhagen	25 th Lori Skiba
9 th Alan Hall	28 th Stephanie Lightbody
13 th Kyle Osburn	
13 th Jamie Staffenhagen	
13 th Elsie Jo Hendrickson	

February Birthdays

* If we missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church office or email us at office@camanolutheranchurch.org so we can celebrate with you.*



Prayers Needed

Healing for: Pastor Lori Cornell, Dave Perkins, Vicki Baunsgard, Don, Alexis, Caden MacQuarrie, Shannon Buffalo, Pastor Paul and Elsie Wietzke & Family, Kathy Walker, Janette, Mindy Rigney, Nathaniel and Anna Powers, Dene Henderson.

Comfort for: The Family of: Bob Thomas, who recent passed away and Joan Vogue as they mourn her loss.



Guidance for: Port Towns: Church Planting: Danny & Aubrey Edwards-Luce

Military persons associated with Camano Lutheran or Specific Request:

Damien Weller, Dan Porter, Tyler Munson, Scott Johnston, Derek Hinde, Brian Cummings, Robert F Guerrero, John VF Guerrero, Michael SF Guerrero, Isaac Teichgrab, Kyle Osburn

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST UP TO DATE BY NOTIFYING THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR CHANGES. **THANK YOU.**

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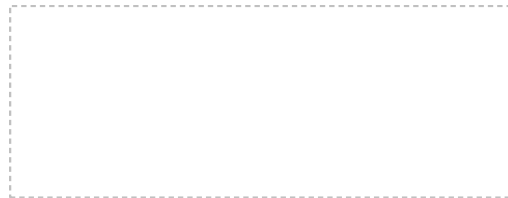
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott	2 6:30pm AA	3 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
				4 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Annual Meeting 6pm Al-Anon	5 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	6 5pm Girl Scouts
11 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	12 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 4pm Stewardship and Finance 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/Luther	13 5pm Girl Scouts	14 Ash Wednesday 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 12pm Ash Wednesday Service (Peace Lutheran, Silvana) 7pm Ash Wednesday Service (Our Saviour's, Arlington)	15 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 7pm Council Meeting	16 6:30pm AA Dove Articles Due	17 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
18 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Adult Education 6pm Al-Anon	19 President's Day 2pm Grief Support Group 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts <i>Office Closed</i>	20 5pm Girl Scouts	21 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	22 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott	23 6:30pm AA	24 8am AA 10:30am AA Business Meeting 10:30am Al-Anon
25 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Monthly Celebration 11:15 Adult Education 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	26 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/Luther	27 5pm Girl Scouts	28 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 7pm Lectio Divina & Manna for Life	29 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew		



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