

Camano Lutheran Dove

The Dove is Camano Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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Reflections with Pastor Scott Thank You

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who sent cards, texts, calls, words of encouragement, equipment to help me in my recovery, and offers to help in any way needed during the time I recovered from my hip replacement surgery. I am now two weeks out from the surgery and improving a little bit more each and every day. My first day back at worship was September 24 and that proved to be a bit ambitious, but it worked out better than I thought it might. I thought, certainly I can just sit down on a chair the whole time if I need to during the service. However, my biggest issue at present continues to be that I can only sit so long in any type of chair other than my recliner and then I have to get up and walk around because of discomfort. But then too much walking brings discomfort as well. I thought taking two weeks' vacation for recuperation would be enough, and it has been for healing and not have to be out and about getting around. However, I am going to be working from home during this third week of recuperation and hope to be set and ready to go as normal by the 4th week and back in the office. They want me to wait 4 weeks until I drive again.

I said it in the announcements at worship on September 24th and I will say it again. I am so lucky to have such a caring community with so many people around me that are willing to offer help and encouragement as is needed. There are many people that just don't have that kind of community in their life. So again, thank you very much for all your love, support and encouragement.

Continuing the journey with you,

Pastor Scott

The Bishop's Article from the October 2023 Edition of The Spirit



From the Bishop:

"Sometimes it's boring.
Sometimes it's thrilling.
Sometimes it makes me
cry." (Quote from "The
Wonderful Ordinariness of
Congregational Life" by Cheryl
Fullerton, Christian Century,

March 2022)

Recently I was thinking about church. (Full disclosure ... I think about church quite a bit.) But, in particular, I was thinking about the rhythm of church life. And I think the above quote from Cheryl Fullerton sums it up pretty nicely.

<u>Sometimes it's boring.</u> I admit, sometimes there is something that is uninteresting about church. Perhaps it is the repetitive nature of it. Perhaps it is the cyclical nature of things. Perhaps it is seeing the same people in the same pew week after week and year after year.

We know that Fred will sing the hymns out of tune ... every time. We know that Mary will cluck her tongue at someone's tattoo peeking out from their sundress. We know that Mike will fall asleep during the sermon and we know that Dan will try to share the peace with every single person. We know that the children will fidget. We know that the baby might cry. We know that we have rituals and sacraments and prayers that we say each week. We know that sometimes we won't hear the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us — that sometimes this message sails over our heads because we're too busy looking at the bulletin.

And yet ...

Sometimes it's thrilling. I always get goosebumps when I hear the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." I rejoice each Easter when we all shout, "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" Candles lit in darkness bring hope and light on Christmas Eve. When I am privileged to place bread in people's hands and I see young, old, wrinkled, black, white, brown hands reaching out for Jesus, it is truly miraculous.

We know that Fred cares for his wife with Alzheimer's. We know that Mary still grieves her daughter. We know that Mike works the late shift and we know that Dan only leaves his group home for church. We know that the children will hear of Jesus. We know that the baby will grow up in the community of elders. We know that sometimes we will hear and understand, if even for a moment, the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us.

And so ...

Sometimes it makes me cry. Church is not for the fainthearted. Church is not for people who only want to be with their own kind. Church is for the young, the middleaged and the old. The healthy and the sick. The spiritually depleted and the spiritually full. Those who are seeking, those who are exhausted, and those who are filled with fire for justice. We all come together. The Freds and Marys and Mikes and Dans. And we sing and we pray and we receive Jesus, in community, together. Church is wonderfully boring and thrilling. We catch glimpses of the divine amongst the coffee pot and petty disagreements. We see Mary hug the tattooed young girl after she is baptized. We see Mike exchange high fives with Dan. We see Fred with tears singing at the top of his lungs, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives."

There is nothing like church.

"Sometimes it's boring. Sometimes it's thrilling. Sometimes it makes me cry."

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee bishop@lutheransnw.org

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship Snapshot



	Aug 2023	YTD
General Offerings Received	15,939	157,997
Easter Offerings - 1/2 to General Fund	-	918
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	205	3,753
Interest Earned - General Account	90	709
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	580	4,640
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	-	1,250
Gain(Loss) Temporarily Held Securities		
Total Income	16,814	169,267
Budgeted Expenses Paid	22,046	196,452
Overage (Shortage)	(5,232)	(27,185)
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	1,009	7,063
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	1,047	12,500
Total Benevolence Paid Out	2,056	19,563

Sunday Scripture Lessons for October 2023

Oct 1st: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
 - Psalm 25:1-9
- Philippians 2:1-13
- Matthew 21:23-32

Oct 15th: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 25:1-9
 - Psalm 23
- Philippians 4:1-9
- Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 8th: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalm 80:7-15
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46

Oct 22nd: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 45:1-7
- Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 - Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 29th: Reformation Sunday

- Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
 - Psalm 1
- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 - Matthew 22:34-46



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

October 2023

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world. We will persist until your love reaches every neighbor.

Lutheran World Relief?

Of course, we know that group.

They are the group our quilting women send their quilts to—and baby care kits, personal care kits and school kits as well. We bless them at worship and take a special offering to help with shipping costs. They are taken to Seattle to be shipped together with quilts from other Lutheran Churches. It's all a good Lutheran tradition.

Yes, that's all true, but there is much more to know about LWR. Did you know . . .

- \$ LWR began in 1945 in response to the refugee crisis in Europe following WWII, sending food, clothing, and quilts for Lutheran refugees and others.
- \$ Aid soon expanded in response to conflicts around the world: Palestine, Hong Kong, Korea, Bangladesh, etc.
- \$ LWR responds rapidly to natural disasters, famines, and refugees.
- \$ LWR works to follow immediate emergency assistance with long term solutions to poverty and hunger. Helping people develop sustainable food production and climate adaptation are major emphases.
- \$ LWR works in cooperation with local peoples and also other international organizations.
- \$ LWR currently works in twenty some countries.
- \$ LWR was the first faith based organization to be awarded the Presidential End Hunger award, in 1986.
- \$ LWR is has committed twelve million dollars towards helping in Ukraine.
- \$ For more detailed information see LWR.org.

Support LWR – it's a very good Lutheran Tradition.

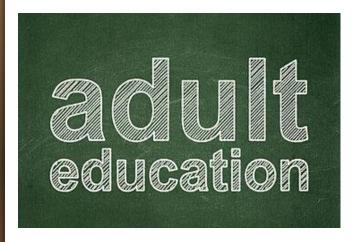
AUGUST 2023 CLC PROPERTY TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1. The large sanctuary Heat Pumps saga continues, but significant progress has been made. The various leaks have been repaired. Unit #2 is up and running, heat and air conditioning are again available. A "work around" for the "back ordered valve" on Unit #1 was installed, but another unsatisfactory valve was discovered. That part is on order, and we anticipate Unit #1 will be working when it is received, hopefully soon.
- 2. Replaced a florescent light bulb in the hall by the women's bathroom.
- 3. Bees appeared on the playgrounds, a couple small hives were sprayed, that problem should be solved before long.
- 4. Unplugged a toilet in the Childcare Boys' bathroom.
- 5. Repaired several step boards on the retaining wall between playgrounds.
- 6. Despite the "brown", planting, weeding, mowing and other yardwork around the buildings continue. The "green" should return before long.

Along with the approaching Flu Season, it appears "covid" is still around - take care, stay healthy, stay safe.

Jim

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH, After worship in the Pioneer Hall.

We will look at key figures in the bible that we often call heroes.

- Why do we see them as heroes?
- Why were they heroes?
- ♦ How much are they like us or not like us?
- What do they offer us as witness to and for our faith in God?
- Just a few questions we will tackle.

CHILDCARE CORNER

Now that school has started, we are all getting back into our "school" routines. We have several school age children that ride a school bus to and from school. We also have a couple of preschoolers that attend Stanwood Elementary School.

We would like to send a very special congratulations to five of our kids that are moving on to transitional kindergarten. We have greatly enjoyed having each of them being a part of our childcare family. We have been able to watch them grow, and they will be greatly missed. We hope the very best for each of them.



Our teachers welcomed some new children into our program. They are busy learning routines and love of Jesus.

The State of Washington has licensed us for a total of 49 children on any given day. At this point we have a total of 36 children enrolled. These children do not all come every day. However, our total will drop by 5 once Transitional Kindergarten starts up on October 16th. If you know of any families that need childcare, please have them reach out to us at childcare@camanolutheranchurch,org or call us at (360) 629-2253. Thank you very much for your support.

Blessings, Deanna Glenn

REFORMATION AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be held on SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH, Reformation Sunday.

Brooke, Calvin, and Marla will be confirmed and help Pastor Scott lead worship.



thankyou



Dear Paster Scott and CLC, Thank you so much for your kind and thoughtful gift. But most of all, thank you for your prayers and your support all ox these years.

Thank Jan.

SAFE HARBOR CLINIC FALL FUNDRAISER



EYGGABOARD SQUAD UPDATE



Serving in Lesotho since 2008

August 2023

Water is Life (Part 2)

Last year, we introduced Mission Aviation Fellowship's partnership with the Lokisa Water Project, a local team with an ambition to enrich communities by providing access to clean water and sanitation solutions. I flew with Tom Jacobs, Director of Lokisa, and a small team to Kuebunyane village for an initial assessment.

I can only describe what has followed as an incredible feat of problem-solving, logistics, and teamwork that I have rarely seen! The Kuebunyane water project has been Lokisa's largest and most ambitious project to date. MAF has been able to support the work by flying in the work crews and smaller materials needed. When MAF is able to fly, it takes a mere 35 minutes to reach Kuebunyane.

But not everything fits in an MAF airplane . . .

Larger materials like long pipe sections, building materials, and several toilet structures (similar to an outhouse) must be transported by 4x4 vehicle to the nearest village, on the opposite side of a vast valley. From there, donkeys and villagers carry the materials across remote shepherd paths—an 8-hour trek—to Kuebunyane village!

Of course, getting the materials is only the first step. The labor is arduous, and the conditions are harsh in the mountains. The work is being done with simple hand tools (and many hands!). The Lokisa team and several villagers have dug a 2000-foot-long trench by hand to supply water to a

remote part of the village!

With consistent hard work, village life in this remote outpost is slowly improving. The flow of water has been restored to the health clinic, and several new access points have been installed. The church, pastored by one of the Lesotho Flying Pastors, now has a community water tap just outside! The toilet structures recently arrived and will be installed at convenient points around the village. This is an enormous achievement, considering there was not even one single toilet in the village before this project began!

The Lokisa water project is truly transforming one of the most remote communities we serve, and it's been a joy to aid their team in this endeavor!





"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

EYGGABOARD SQUAD UPDATE CONT.

Little Units
Matthias and Bella



As we continue to wait on the US government to approve Isabella's immigration petition, we dream of what is to come. As a family, anticipating our return to America, we decided to shift our school schedule to match the American system. So, Mari and the kids buckled down, cut out some mid-quarter breaks, and completed this school year early! They will begin the next school year in October. Matthias will be in 5th grade, and Bella in 1st. They were so excited to get their school books! (See pictures on the left)

Physical fitness continues for the whole family! Matthias enjoys riding bikes with Daddy around town and running with Mommy when possible. Bella is inspired by all the organized events we've been participating in and wants to be involved. She even runs the 5k Parkrun with us (though sometimes she only runs half). We are looking forward to our September events (Mari's half-marathon, Matthias's 10K, and Bryan's 270km 24-hour ride), and we hope for even more family events as we welcome the warmer weather.

Mari continues in her writing! This year she published a workbook to go with her book, Living Uprooted! It is available in both print and e-book formats. In addition, she and her writing group, the Lady Lits, are in the final stages of publishing a short story anthology, the proceeds of which will go to each author's charity of choice. Sadly, Nancy, their group leader, unexpectedly passed away in July. Prayers are appreciated for the group and Nancy's family. The project has been ongoing for about a year, so seeing it so close to the finish is very exciting! Be on the lookout for Good Tidings: A Christmas Anthology by The Lady Lits later this year!

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Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our family as we continue waiting on immigration.
- Pray for our team as some families prepare to leave and we prepare to welcome a new family next month.
- Please continue to pray for Mari's health treatments for her lymphatic and nervous systems. And, while she thought she might have to have eye surgery for cataracts, the doctor discovered the problem is actually with her retinas, and no repair is available.
- Please pray for Mari and the kids to get good rest during their break from school and that they will be refreshed for the next school year.



Anniversaries

2nd Bob & Jane Salnick 8th Jim & Shirlee Erickson 18th Jeff & Karen Camp 22nd Scott & Rona Olson 23rd Mike & Elaine Swain

Birthdays

2nd Jaden Yee 3rd Bob Henderson 4th Dani Osburn 6th Kelsey McFall 7th Mary Munson 10th Danny Edwards-Luce 30th Linda Johnson 11th Elaine Swain

23rd Phil Rifner

24th Scott Brents 25th Janet St. Clair 27th Scott Olson 28th Katie McFall **30th Diane Roberts**

* 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.*



Healing for: Don, Alexis, Zaid Fackenthall, 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: Joan Vogue as they mourn her loss, the family of Teresa Luce following the loss of her husband Greg and Danny & Aubrey Edwards-Luce following the loss of their newborn child.

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.*

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10am In Person Worship Service 11am Adult Edcua- tion 6pm Al-Anon	9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	5pm Girl Scouts	9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanctu- ary 6:30pm Confirma- tion	8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Preschool Fire Department Visit	6:30pm AA	8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
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