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Camano Lutheran Church

September 2023

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The Dove is Camano Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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Reflections with Pastor Scott

Would It Change Anything



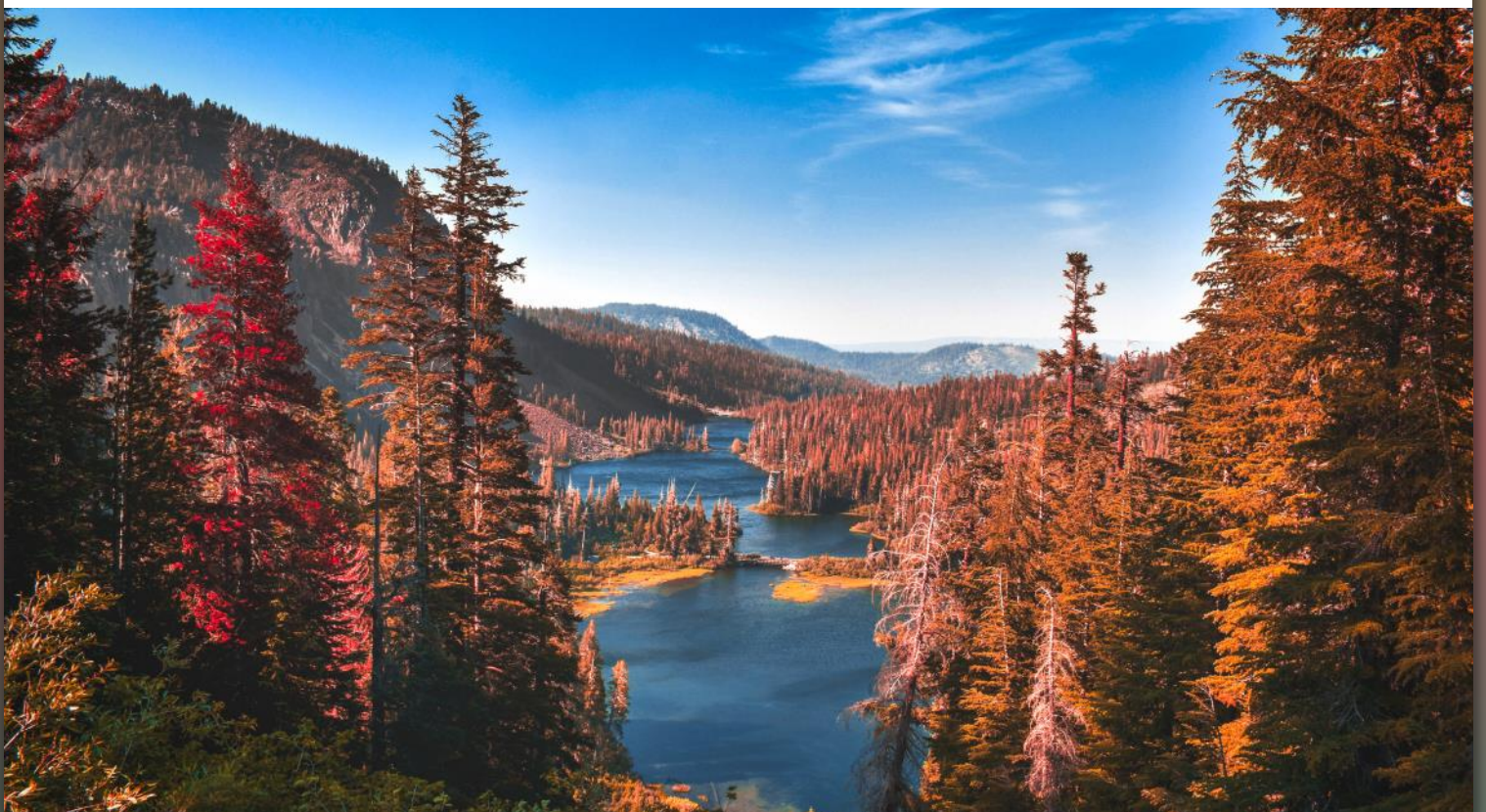
While doing my fall planning, I was reading a book titled, *The Fourth Quarter of Your Life; Embracing What Matters Most*. They raised several questions that I found quite intriguing and if we would honestly spend just a few minutes contemplating them over a couple of days and write our answers down, would be quite helpful for self-reflection. I am going to offer a few of those questions for you to contemplate in my next few Dove articles. The first question is:

What if...I treated every person I met for the rest of my life the way I would treat Jesus?

Just an FYI. I will be having right hip replacement surgery on September 11. I am not 100% sure how long I will be down but will be taking two weeks' vacation for the recovery. I hope to only miss one Sunday. Your prayers are appreciated, and I am thankful for those that have already been through it and their willingness to share helpful equipment for post-surgery. From what I hear it is a very successful surgery and much easier recovery than many other surgeries.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,

Pastor Scott



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



From the Bishop:

I went to the musical 1776 a few nights ago where I learned some new things about how the Declaration of Independence came to be written. As I watched, I felt proud to be an American – to be part of a group

of people who wanted freedom from tyranny, freedom to vote, freedom from an empire far away.

There were also moments in this play when I was horrified at some decisions made. At the last minute, the clause to abolish slavery was removed so that all of the representatives would sign the document. The most powerful song in the musical, Molasses to Rum, reminds the audience how all the colonies were complicit in the selling of humans – not just the south. (<https://genius.com/John-cullum-molasses-to-rum-lyrics>)

As an American, I hold two realities. First, I rejoice in the wonder and aspiration of the United States of America. I am grateful for this country and I love what it is striving to be. At its best, it is a country where freedom and liberty are supreme. It is a place where care is given to those arriving on its shores. It is a place where people can freely go to church and other places of worship (or not go at all). In short, the United States is a promise of what can be.

At the same time, I hold the truth of this country's sins. Enslaved men built the White House, the U.S. Capitol building, and others. Homes of former presidents including George Washington's Mount Vernon and James Madison's Montpelier were built by men "owned" by them. The land that we in the Northwest Washington Synod are living on was once land that belonged to Samish and Duwamish, Lummi, and Muckleshoot and many others. Japanese people were unjustly imprisoned during World War II. Sundown laws and redlining laws were written throughout this country. As a white woman, I know that I could not vote until 1919. For women of color, the right to vote did not come until later. People who are part of the LGBTQIA+ communities have been harassed and discriminated against, beaten up and killed in this country. And discriminatory practices and violence continue to this day. In short, the systems in this country have violated and harmed

people since its inception.

This is what it means to be an American: to vote, to engage in civic society, to appreciate this country, to grieve past and present sins, and to truthfully stand up and speak when it falls short of its ideals.

But what about those of us who are American and also Christian? Unequivocally it means that as much as one might love this country, this is not where our ultimate allegiance lies. For we are part of the body of Christ that extends beyond the borders of any country. As Lutheran Christians, we know that we are named, chosen, and called by God through Jesus. We hold deeply the joy that we are freed from sin, and, because of this, we are called into radical love, acceptance, and welcome – far beyond being a citizen of any country. We are freed to live beyond racism, injustice, and bigotry. Martin Luther wrote that freedom is a gift from God, not just for our sake, or our country's sake, but for the sake of the world.

Tragically, there are those who want to distort this freedom. To somehow merge Christian and American identities. Rather than freedom, conflating religious authority with political authority leads to tyranny and marginalization - especially of minority groups. Christian Nationalism is neither patriotic nor is it faithful. You do not have to be Christian to be a "true" American. And you do not have to be American to be Christian. At its heart, it is idolatrous. As the First Commandment states, "You shall have no other gods."

Together, as faithful Christians, let us live into Jesus' words –into radical love, acceptance and welcome. Let us speak truth to power and stand with those without power. Let us follow Jesus who commands us to love everyone as our brothers and sisters and siblings including our fellow citizens, those of other belief systems, and those of other nations. Together, as faithful Christians, let us stand up and speak out against Christian Nationalism and any system that marginalizes, harms, and subjugates another. As Jesus announces in the gospel of Luke, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

For freedom Christ has set us free. May we live and dance and revel in the freedom of Christ.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship Snapshot



	July 2023	YTD
General Offerings Received	22,431	142,058
Easter Offerings - 1/2 to General Fund	-	918
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	946	3,548
Interest Earned - General Account	113	619
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	580	4,060
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	-	1,250
<u>Gain(Loss) Temporarily Held Securities</u>	-	-
Total Income	24,070	152,453
Budgeted Expenses Paid	23,772	174,406
Overage (Shortage)	298	(21,953)
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	1,009	7,063
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	1,335	14,189
Total Benevolence Paid Out	2,344	21,252

Sunday Scripture Lessons for September 2023

Sept 3rd: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 15:15-21
 - Psalm 26:1-8
 - Romans 9:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28

Sept 17th: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 50:15-21
- Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
 - Romans 14:1-12
- Matthew 18:21-35

Sept 10th: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

- Ezekiel 33:7-11
- Psalm 119:33-40
- Romans 13:8-14
- Matthew 18:15-20

Sept 24th: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jonah 3:10--4:11
- Psalm 145:1-8
- Philippians 1:21-30
- Matthew 20:1-16

JUNE/JULY 2023 CLC PROPERTY TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The summer seems to be passing a little faster than the winter, and unfortunately the days have been getting shorter in the process. Most of the activity the past two months has been assisting and monitoring the work of others.

June 2023

Assisted in purchase, and monitored the installation, of the new refrigerator & freezer in the kitchen.

Assisted in the purchase, and monitored the installation, of the new washer & dryer in Pioneer Hall.

Unplugged a clogged toilet in childcare building

Received used chairs from Camano Center, adjusted the seats, placed them in Pioneer Hall. Donated old chairs to Camano Grange

Assisted in the purchase of two gazebos for the childcare and pre-school playgrounds.

Checked furnaces in Chapel, working properly.

Checked the temperature of the dishwasher water, working properly.

Mowed fields, and around buildings.

Volunteers weeded and watered plants around buildings.

July 2023

Replaced broken light switch in childcare classroom

Monitored the installation of the two gazebos on the childcare and Pre-school playgrounds by Patrick & Sons Construction

All the leaking door closures in the Fellowship Hall and office area have been repaired and reinstalled

Due to dried grass from the sunny days, the field mowing has been reduced, mainly trimming around the buildings has occurred.

Plants around buildings were watered and weeded

Unfortunately, there has been no progress repairing the HVAC for the Fellowship Hall, the necessary part is still on order, out of stock.

If you have any comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to bring them to my attention. Enjoy the remaining summer days. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy.

Jim

Does anyone know when "Old enough to know better" kicks in? Asking for a friend.



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

September 2023

Family Promise

The mission of Family Promise of Skagit Valley is to "come together as a community to support homeless families as they work to provide their children with loving homes. Local congregations serve as hosts for sheltering families and a Day Center providing support services, assisting parents to achieve stable employment and housing. Since 2016 this program has prevented the homelessness of 138 children. The Skagit Valley group is one of over 200 such projects in the United States.

CLC member, Rev. Laurin Vance was instrumental in starting this program over ten years ago. He still serves on the Board of Directors.

For more information see <https://familypromiseskagit.weebly.com/> and <https://familypromise.org/> or better yet talk to Laurin.

Benevolence offerings may be made through the month of September.

1-360-854-0743

Prevention	Shelter	Stabilization
Shelter Diversion	Hospitality	Housing
Rental Assistance	Case Management	Financial Capability
Eviction Prevention	Community Engagement	Career Pathway

Family Promise of Skagit Valley

Ending Homelessness
ONE FAMILY AT A TIME!

CHILDCARE CORNER

With only two weeks left of our summer program, the teachers are committed to giving our children the best two weeks filled with play. Professor Jamie continues to inspire and awe the children with her Friday Science Series. In my last letter, I mentioned that the kids were going on a field trip to the Farm at the end of Heichel Road. They had a lot of fun with the animals. We have been invited to come back in the Fall.

With school starting on September 5th, our school age children are getting excited to go back and meet their new teachers. We do have several children entering kindergarten and a few children entering the Transitional Kindergarten Program.

The childcare is in the process of reapplying back into the CACFP Food Subsidy Program. It will be very beneficial to help cover some of the food costs we incur.

A huge thank you to the Maintenance Crew for taking care of the bees out and around the playground.

Blessings to You,
Deanna Glenn
Childcare Director

PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED



As fall is approaching it is time to pick up your crocket hooks or knitting needles to make some prayer shawls. If you are in need of patterns , you can check the books in the office and a copy of anypattern you like can be made for you. Thank you for your help with this important project!

thank you



June 23, 2023

Camano Lutheran Church
850 N. Heichel Rd.
Camano Island, WA 98282

Dear Camano Lutheran Church:

We are pleased to provide you with a summary of your contributions for the 2023 year to date. This is not a tax receipt, but a reflection of individual donations year to date.

We are grateful for your gifts and continued support of Safe Harbor Free Clinic. With your partnership, we are able to continue serving those who come to our clinic for medical care.

Date	Amount	Payment Type
1/20/23	\$214.27	Check (18039)
1/29/23	\$119.34	Check (18053)
3/10/23	\$726.50	Check (018075)
4/3/23	\$351	Check (18098)
Total	\$1,411.11	

Be sure to mark your calendar for our fall fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, October 7th.

Thank you, again, for your generous support of the lifesaving medical care we are providing to our community.

Sincerely,

Sandy Solis
Executive Director



Thank You!

July 12, 2023

Camano Lutheran Church
850 Heichel Rd
Camano Island, WA 98282-8804

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$63.00 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,

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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Thank You!

August 9, 2023

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Thank You

July 25, 2023

Camano Lutheran Church
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Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in May 2023.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Cor 9:7-8).

As a church, we believe that we are made in God's likeness, and we worship a generous God. When we share our resources with our neighbor we act as God's generous stewards. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts you share God's generosity and abundance with a world who needs God's justice and love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

I thank God for your generous hearts.

In Christ,

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for gift detail.

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8/21/2023

Camano Lutheran Church
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Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you! We just received your generous donation of \$1134.50 to the Camano Center, and it means the world to us. Because of you, we can continue our mission to create and provide opportunities that support healthy aging, independence, and well-being for older adults in our community.

We are so fortunate to have you as a donor, member and friend of Camano Center. We look forward to staying connected and updating you on the impact of your gift.

With Gratitude,

Bonnie Eckley
Executive Director

*Thank you for your donation. We are a 501c3 non-profit status. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent provided by the law. Federal Tax ID #91-1172309.
Please keep this letter for your tax receipts, and let us know if you need a year-end letter for your tax needs.*

Donation Date	For	Type of Donation	Amount	Tax Deductible	Non Tax Deductible	Note / Description
08/14/2023	General	Check	\$1134.50	\$1134.50	--	634067

CARE TEAM'S MONTHLY CELEBRATION COFFEE HOUR

Don't miss out on the fun on the last Sunday of every month! CLC's Care Team has started a new monthly tradition, celebrating all of the birthdays and anniversaries for the month. Come join us for yummy cake, coffee, and social hour immediately after 10am worship.



ELCA NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD LETTER FROM ANDY YEE



Northwest Washington Synod **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** God's work. Our hands.

August 9, 2023

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we approach these holy days ahead!

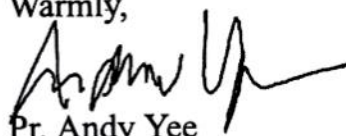
In my work with congregations in transition there is always a question on their congregational profiles that asks how this congregation “sees yourself” in relationship with both the Synod and the ELCA. Most of the time, the written response is about how much money the congregation gives and that they come to gatherings like the Synod Assembly. All of this is of course true...but I wonder if the words “see yourself” is probing for something at a different level.

Please permit me to share from my own place but please know that congregations should have the opportunity to share from their own place and in their own words. For me, participation in the larger church is about the communal nature of who God is *and* about God's hopes for the way we will see our relationship with the whole of God's creation. Many of you have probably heard me preach about how in our creation story God almost had a mantra for all that God made...that “it was good”...but that there was one place when God actually says that something “is not good.” God said that “it is not good” (Gen 2:18) that the human one would be alone. This not only tells me about what God dreams about...but about God Godself...that community is inherent to God. I understand that participation in ways of doing ministry, beyond myself and the walls of my own congregation, is because I understand that the ministry is much larger than what I simply participate in...much larger than what is in front of me....and that participation in this larger ministry is just as real a ministry as what I have the capacity to participate in myself or even have the capacity to understand. This is why I give to it...this is why I participate in it.

Thanks for your commitment to the larger thing of what we define as “ministry.” I hope that you see that even though we might be able to do this without you...that it really would not be the same without you...because of the ways that we “see you” in relationship. The Synod is not just an Office. It is the commitment of us doing ministry together. The ELCA is not just a denomination. It is the commitment of us doing ministry together. So, thanks not only for your mission support...but I am thankful that we can share in this ministry together in all its forms.

For this I truly give thanks...not only to you...but also to God!

Warmly,



Pr. Andy Yee

Assistant to the Bishop, NWWA Synod

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversaries

1st Ryan & Stephanie Lightbody
2nd Dale & Linda Johnson
2nd Fred & Lillian Trolio
3rd Andy & Jeni Bottin
6th Don & Frances Schlagel
8th Don & Joyce Leak
17th Philip & Linda Rifner

Birthdays

6 th Martin Paul	20 th Don Leak
8 th Barbara Joyce	23 rd Courtney Score
9 th Emma Floyd	26 th DaleAnn Baker
10 th Jeff Camp	28 th Chris McFall
10 th Bob Salnick	28 th Edward Staffenhagen
11 th Vicki Baungard	28 th Nicole Osburn
12 th Gary Westerman	

* 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: 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.**

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30pm AA	2 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
					3 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	4 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts
10 10am Cluster Wor- ship @ Stanwood Fairgrounds 6pm Al-Anon	11 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	12 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Steward- ship and Finance	13 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanctu- ary	14 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	15 6:30pm AA	16 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
17 10am In Person Worship Service 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	18 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	19 5pm Girl Scouts	20 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanctu- ary 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	21 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Preschool Picture Day 7pm Council Meeting	22 6:30pm AA Dove Articles Due	23 8am AA 10:30am AA Business Meeting 10:30am Al-Anon
24 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Monthly Celebration 6pm Al-Anon	25 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	26 5pm Girl Scouts	27 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanctu- ary 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	28 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew	29 6:30pm AA	30 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon 2pm Dick Meske Me- morial Service 3pm Dick Meske Re- ception



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