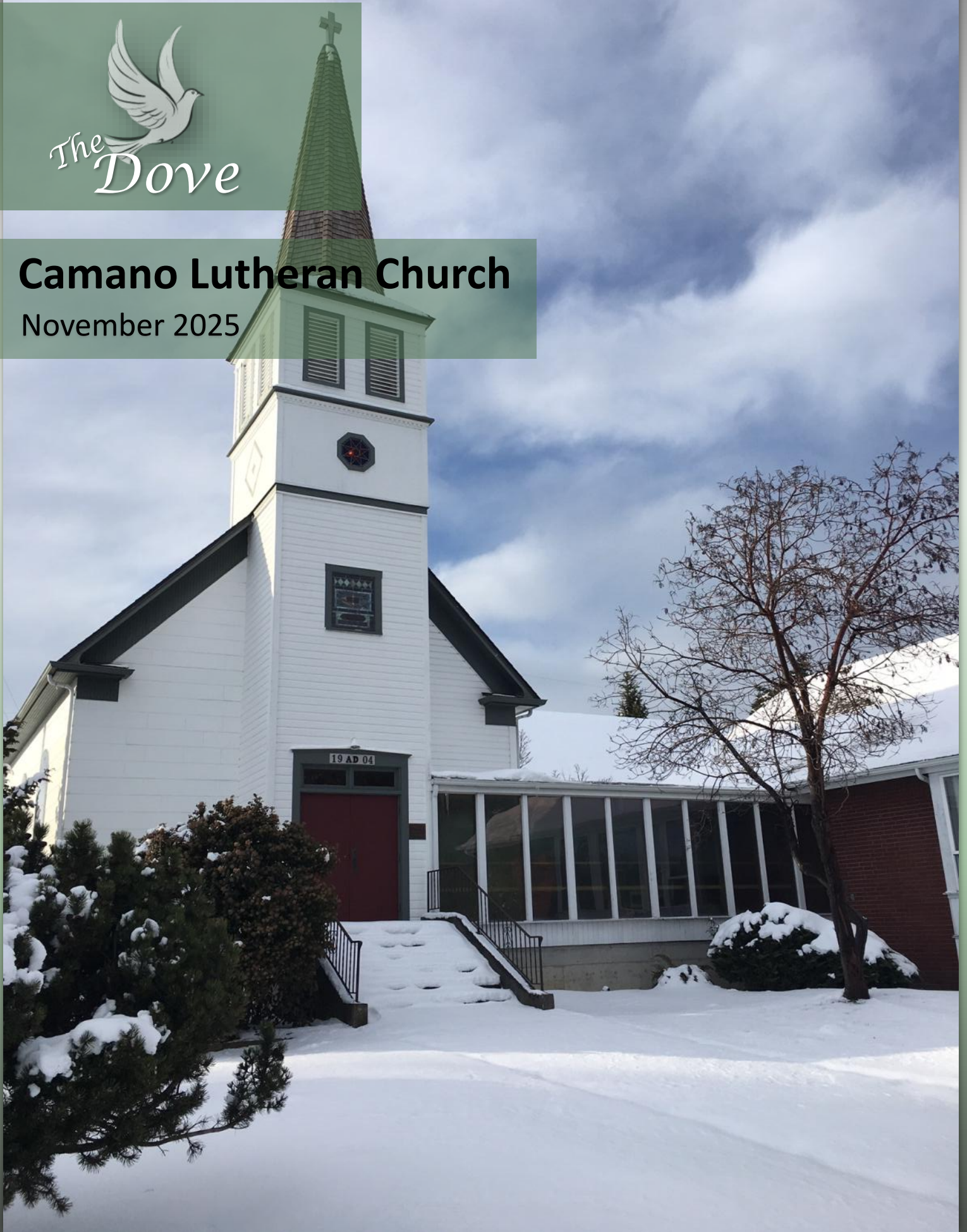




Camano Lutheran Church

November 2025

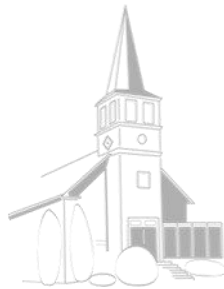


Camano Lutheran Dove

The Dove is Camano Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

Inside This Issue

From Pastor Scott.....	3
From Bishop Shelly Wee.....	4-5
Announcements.....	7-25
Community News.....	16
Benevolence of the Month.....	11
Scripture Lessons for November.....	6
Birthdays and Anniversaries.....	26
Prayer List.....	26
Calendar.....	27



CAMANO LUTHERAN CHURCH

360.629.4592

www.camanolutheranchurch.org

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Scott Brents,
psbclc2020@gmail.com

Music Coordinator: Mary Munson

Custodian: Jamie and Austin Staffenhagen

Parish Administrator: Anette Schultz,
office@camanolutheranchurch.org

Childcare Director: Ashli French
childcare@camanolutheranchurch.org

Reflections with Pastor Scott

Psalm 100: A Psalm of Thanksgiving.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;^[a] we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.



This time of year naturally turns our hearts toward gratitude—toward reflecting on the many blessings that surround us. Psalm 100 reminds me of how I often feel when I come into worship here at CLC and think about this community of faith. I am deeply thankful for the people, the gifts, and the ministries we share together—living out our mission of “serving neighbor near and far.”

I give thanks for the gift of worship—each Sunday, during midweek gatherings, and in special services like the Conference Worship we celebrated in October. I’m grateful for all who make these moments possible: our musicians, sound technicians, ushers, readers, worship assistants, those who prepare the altar and care for the worship space, those who host coffee hour, our staff who coordinate details, our Worship and Music Ministry Team, and each of you who lift your hearts and voices in praise.

I’m thankful for our many caregiving ministries, near and far—the Care Team, card ministry, in home communion, prayer shawl ministry, quilters, and those who assemble care kits, and for our renewed Fellowship Ministry team bringing us together in a world so often filled with isolation. I’m grateful for our hospitality teams who serve during funerals and weddings, and for your generous responses to special needs—whether through disaster relief, Socktoberfest, or simple everyday acts of compassion toward one another.

I’m thankful for our education ministries—from Sunday morning learning to the LiVE Project opportunities through the synod. Our Sunday School and *Godly Play* have begun again, offering our children a space to grow in faith. I’m grateful for our confirmation students and youth gatherings, and for our Childcare Center, which continues to extend love, learning, and care beyond our walls to children and families in the community.

I’m thankful for our Stewardship Ministry Team, Benevolence Mission Team, and Council, who faithfully oversee the resources entrusted to us. Each year, CLC gives between 10% and 15% of its income beyond itself to support ministries in our community and around the world—efforts that address homelessness, housing, shelter, and community connection amid isolation. These include support for Lutherwood Outdoor Ministry, LINCNW, and other partners offering shelter, food, and medical care.

I’m thankful that our buildings serve as a blessing to the community—a place where lives are supported, renewed, and even saved. Groups like AA, NA, Al-Anon, Scouts, and the Red Cross emergency shelter find welcome and refuge here.

I’m also grateful for our Property Ministry Team, who care for our large and aging campus with great dedication, and for all of you who quietly tend to the many small details that keep our shared life vibrant and beautiful.

Whenever I try to list all that I’m thankful for, I inevitably miss something—not because it’s unimportant, but because the blessings are simply too many to name.

I share all of this to express how deeply thankful I am for *you*—for CLC and the many ways God’s Spirit is at work among us. When you share your hard-earned money, your time, or your talents, these are some of the ministries and moments you help make possible.

Thank you for continuing this journey of faith and gratitude together.

With thankfulness in Christ,
Pastor Scott

**From the Bishop:****November 2025**

Dear Beloveds,

Across our country, people are struggling – financially, emotionally, spiritually. Division, violence, and uncertainty are paramount. We are living in a time when the weight of the world feels heavier than most of us can bear. Families are being torn apart, communities are threatened, and political leaders are trading compassion for power. Every day seems more chaotic and unmoored than the day before. For many, fear has become a daily companion. We might cry, along with the psalmist in Psalm 13, “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?”

[Pause here. For we must acknowledge the pain that is happening within us and around us. Pause. This might be a long, long pause.] ... Now let us take a deep breath. Now let us move forward.

After we have named the deep wounds within us and across this nation; after we have confessed our grief, our weariness, and our complicity in the broken systems that bind us; after we have allowed the truth to settle in, let us remember that this is not the end of the story. As people of faith, we don’t stop at despair and fear. We don’t close our eyes or turn inward or try to protect ourselves from more pain. No. Instead we open our eyes, turn outward, and we rise to follow Jesus once more – into the very places and spaces where pain still lingers and where love is most needed.

How do we do this? As people saved by grace through Jesus, how do look outward and love our neighbor? Here are some ideas from a letter (<https://www.lutheransnw.org/news/letter-from-elca-bishops>) signed by many of the bishops that was published in October 2025. These ideas include:

- Pray for those who are vulnerable and for all who work for justice.
- Advocate in your communities, legislatures, and Congress for laws that protect migrants, advance racial justice, and safeguard LGBTQIA+ people.
- Engage in the holy work of hospitality, creating spaces of safety, affirmation, and belonging for all of God’s children.
- Model respectful dialogue in a polarized world, seeking understanding rooted in love.
- Hold fast to hope, trusting that the Spirit is still at work renewing creation and reconciling the world to God.

As a guide to this holy work, I have always loved the story of Martin Luther who, when the plague was raging in Wittenberg, chose to stay in order to care for the sick and comfort the dying. We might sometimes think of Luther as curmudgeonly and argumentative. We might also think he was more concerned with being saved by grace through faith than loving his neighbor. But Luther’s courage and pastoral care during the plague shows his heart and his response to God’s amazing grace. For during the plague, as people were dying around him, he stayed and cared and ministered. In 1527 he wrote, “We are bound to each other in such a way that no one may forsake the other in his distress but is obliged to assist and help him as he himself would like to be helped.” (“Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague”)

Above all things, let us not grow weary. Let us continue to hear the summons of Jesus. Let us continue to answer the call to love our neighbor – especially the most vulnerable. And, may we be the ones who, in a weary world, hope as the psalmist hopes at the end of Psalm 13: “But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord because God has dealt bountifully with me.”

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee - bishop@lutheransnw.org



From the VEEP:

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

“Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Acts 2:36

“A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.” Ralph Waldo Emerson, Self-Reliance

Faith. Belief. Confidence. Conviction. Certainty. Assurance. These are all words that we tend to use almost synonymously for things we have strong, usually positive feelings about. Often we think of these terms as the opposite of doubt or questioning. When I saw that the LiVE Project was offering a class called Practicing Faith Beyond Certainty, I was intrigued. The overall purpose of the class is to reimagine faith as courage, curiosity, and compassion. The first session (and, full disclosure, as I write this, we are only three sessions in) was titled “When Certainty Gets in the Way.” I imagine for some people, especially those raised in a more dogmatic form of Christianity, the idea that certainty can get in the way of faith might be shocking. My spouse, for example, was raised in such a church and he continues to shake his head when he hears me talking about questions we wrestle with in our Lutheran congregations. It is as if being uncertain equates with less faith. For me, though, the notion that certainty can be a stumbling block to faith really resonates.

I’ve always been a questioner. I was the kid in Sunday School who asked the teacher how Adam could have named the dinosaurs when they died out before people existed. One of the things that I appreciate about being Lutheran is that we are always being made new and we support education and learning. When our understanding of the world changes, we try to change with the new knowledge. Our policies and social statements evolve as we have new information upon which to base them. I am comfortable changing my mind about something when there is new information to show that I may have been wrong. As the American philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson suggests, to do otherwise is to harbor a foolish consistency. That is why I am a bit skeptical of certainty. Being too certain about something limits the imagination. A comedian that I follow on social media, Trae Crowder, does a bit where he claims he is envious of “dumb” (his term, not mine) people because they are so confident in their beliefs. They are super certain - no doubt about it. I would say that is the difference between incurious and curious people. Incurious folks stop looking for more complex meaning. In this way certainty, for me, stops me from learning and growing and becoming more faithful.

Session 3 of the LiVE class, “From Predictable Certainty to Open Curiosity” addressed this, as well. Being openly curious in the church can sometimes also take courage. We want to believe that our leaders, who have trained and studied and prepared for their roles, know the answers. It is easier to just believe what they tell us. When I was in teacher training forty-ish years ago, it was not uncommon to be told I should never admit I was wrong or that I didn’t know something. Students, I was told, want to believe their teachers are infallible experts. I expect some pastors and deacons were told that, as well. And yet, I could never be that kind of teacher. I wanted my students to know that I was human and fallible and that I was able to learn from my mistakes. I had no problem saying, “I don’t know,” but I also followed that up with, “how can we find out?” Jesus didn’t expect his followers to be faithful beyond any doubt. They asked questions. They made false assumptions. Peter even let his fear overcome his faith to the point of denying even knowing Jesus and yet he was the rock upon which our church was built. I know my faith journey is just that, a journey. Sometimes I am on a clearly marked path. Sometimes I am bushwhacking through brambles. Sometimes I don’t even know what direction I’m going in. The thing about faith though, is that it is also the assurance of things hoped for and not yet realized. I’m going to keep on hoping and moving forward with curiosity, courage, and compassion.

Here’s what I or the council have been up to in October:

- LiVE Project: Faith Beyond Certainty (I have followed asynchronously)
- Living Hope Lutheran Church Class: “What does it mean to be a Christian against Christian Nationalism?” I have attended this series offered at my home congregation.
- Synod Executive Committee: We met on October 9. Among other agenda items, we approved a lease between Luther’s Table and the Synod.
- Synod Policy Review Committee: We met on October 15th. Among other agenda items, we reviewed the Policy for Negotiated Resignations.
- Equity Team: I have continued having one-with-one conversations with leaders throughout the synod.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT



YTD Financial Review (Jan-Sep 2025)			
Review against Budget (Spending Guideline)			
	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	YTD Difference Overage (Shortage)
General Offerings Received	\$ 187,504.88	\$ 209,997.00	\$ (22,492.12)
Other Income	\$ 11,519.64	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 2,069.64
Total Income	\$ 199,024.52	\$ 219,447.00	\$ (20,422.48)
Budgeted Expenses Paid	\$ 230,798.97	\$ 237,159.00	\$ 6,360.03
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 10,125.00	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 240,923.97	\$ 247,284.00	\$ 6,360.03
Overage (Shortage)	\$ (41,899.45)		

Sunday Scripture Lessons for November 2025

November 2nd: All Saints Sunday

- Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
 - Psalm 149
- Ephesians 1:11-23
- Luke 6:20-31

November 9th: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- Job 19:23-27a
- Psalm 17:1-9
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
 - Luke 20:27-38

November 16th: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- Malachi 4:1-2a
 - Psalm 98
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
 - Luke 21:5-19

November 23rd: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
 - Psalm 46
- Colossians 1:11-20
 - Luke 23:33-43

November 30th: First Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 122
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44

National Day of Quilting



On Saturday September 20th, 2025, these 11 CLC quilters took part in the National Day of Quilting.



Financial Update - Camano Lutheran Church

Members and friends of Camano Lutheran Church,

As Philippians 4:19 reminds us "And my God will meet all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." When the congregation approved our spending guidelines for 2025, we anticipated that giving would overcome the discrepancy between our expenses and planned giving. We approved a spending guideline with \$296,600 in income and \$330,693 in expenses; which meant we were going into the year with a \$34,093 deficit in our spending guidelines.

As highlighted in the August Dove, we have been struggling to receive enough money to cover our monthly expenses. Our leaders have continued to monitor the situation and manage our expenses. Through September, we have remained within our overall guidelines for expenses while our giving continues to be even below our original anticipated income. We are currently showing a deficit of \$41,900 through September. See details below.

YTD Financial Review (Jan-Sep 2025)

Review against Budget (Spending Guideline)

	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	YTD Difference Overage (Shortage)
General Offerings Received	\$ 187,504.88	\$ 209,997.00	\$ (22,492.12)
Other Income	\$ 11,519.64	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 2,069.64
Total Income	\$ 199,024.52	\$ 219,447.00	\$ (20,422.48)
Budgeted Expenses Paid	\$ 230,798.97	\$ 237,159.00	\$ 6,360.03
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 10,125.00	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 240,923.97	\$ 247,284.00	\$ 6,360.03
Overage (Shortage)	\$ (41,899.45)		

Due to the continued deficit, our council had to make difficult choices in August ensuring we didn't spend into our unrestricted funds (which we strive to maintain at a 2-month operating expense amount). At the end of August we had approximately \$23,000 in unrestricted funds. This was still below our average monthly operating expenses which are approximately \$27,000 per month.

The Council defines our "operating expenses" as those costs associated with keeping the doors open, the lights on, the basic supplies needed, and the current staff to maintain our existing ministries at their current levels.

On a brighter note, the Childcare has continued to grow and flourish in this important ministry of Camano Lutheran. This has also reflected in the growth of their savings even after 2 pay raises to the staff and other improvements of the facility this year. They had accumulated over \$300,000 in savings by the end of August.

Continued —>

Financial Update - Camano Lutheran Church

After mindful discussions over the last two months, the Church Council approved three major motions:

- The transfer of \$60,000 from the Childcare savings to the Church's unrestricted operating funds to restore our unrestricted operating funds, providing that two-month cushion. The hope is that this will allow the church to continue operating in the black for the remainder of the year.
- The transfer of \$75,000 from the Childcare savings into a 1-yr fixed CD under the Church's account, identified as unrestricted funds in order to earn interest and provide an additional source of unrestricted funds to be utilized as approved by Council.
- The transfer of \$65,000 from the Childcare savings into an account and designated for the water system improvements needed and required by the state. The issue was first communicated from the Property Ministry Team in the May 2024 Dove.

As we are all doing the ministries of the church, the money from the Childcare will help with the continued operation of the overall church for the remainder of the year and provide an avenue to upgrade our water system. We are stronger together!

From the Council, we want to provide a few things to ponder and reflect on as we come to the time of year for reviewing and approving our spending guidelines for next year:

- Operating expenses continue to increase for the church and its ministries (insurance, required inspections, utilities, supplies, phone/internet, etc.) just like all of our own household expenses.
- Wages and applicable taxes continue to increase and we want to ensure all of our employees are paid enough to support themselves and their families.
- The number of family units giving has decreased over the last few years.
- When funds are designated to a specific ministry of our church, those funds must be tracked separately and can NOT be used for general operating expenses.
- For those giving through automatic withdrawals, when was the last time you reviewed your giving amount?
- If our giving does not increase enough to cover monthly operating expenses, then drastic measures will need to be discussed.

We ask the congregation to look at how you can continue to help in maintaining the structural presence of our historical church and most importantly, carrying out our mission and reaching out to our community.

Respectfully,
Your Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team

Continued --->

Financial Update - Camano Lutheran Church

Balance Sheets / Fund Reviews - Through 9/30/2025

Balance Sheet

General Funds - Misc Assets	\$ 62,009.78
General Funds - Transfer from Childcare	\$ 60,000.00
General Funds - Water System Upgrade	\$ 65,000.00
General Funds - Unrestricted CD	\$ 75,000.00
Building Expansion & Repair Assets	\$ 43,277.96
Memorial Fund Assets	\$ 6,884.32
Parsonage Assets	\$ 52,975.35
Scholarship Assets	\$ 34,300.00
Mission Endowment Assets	\$ 54,175.90
Total Assets	\$ 453,623.31

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Prepaid Contributions for 2025	\$ 5,600.00
Sabbatical Accrual	\$ 10,850.50
General Funds - Unrestricted	\$ 23,636.91
Building Expansion & Repair Fund	\$ 45,777.96
Water System Upgrade Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 6,884.32
Parsonage Fund	\$ 52,975.35
Scholarship funds	\$ 34,932.80
Mission Endowment Assets	\$ 55,500.20
General Funds - Restricted (see below)	\$ 17,465.27
Unrestricted Funds - Transfer from Childcare	\$ 135,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 453,623.31

General Funds - Restricted

Flower Fund	\$ 83.10
Lutheran Church Women Fund Education Fund	\$ 4,802.02
Education Fund	\$ 1,019.12
Kids Church Fund	\$ 3,000.00
LWR- Quilt Shipping & Supplies Fund	\$ 3,584.90
Fellowship (Coffee Hour) Fund	\$ 418.23
The Gathering Place Fund	\$ 2,439.90
Church Planting Internship Fund	\$ 121.00
Funds Held - Directed Expenditure Balance	\$ 1,997.00
Total General Funds - Restricted	\$ 17,465.27



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

November 2025

STANWOOD CAMANO FOOD BANK

Have you driven on 102nd Ave NW in Stanwood lately?? That's the road north out of town towards Conway (Old Pacific Highway). If you happen to drive it on a Wednesday or Friday, you might have noticed a line of people on the west side of the road. They were some of the approximately 400 people (family units) who come to the Stanwood Camano Food Bank each week. They can sign-up for a time slot, but there still always seems to be a line. The distribution system is set up like a grocery store, where they can choose what they need, with limits based on family size. As well as food, there are personal hygiene items, baby diapers and possible other miscellaneous items. If this source of food was not available, where would all these people get enough to feed their families? That is a good question.

Where does this food come from?

Individual donations and food drives.

Grocery store and farm contributions.

Purchased by the Food Bank with money from personal donations and sales from the associated Thrift store (located in Stanwood, across from the Food Bank).

Distribution to clients is now on Wednesdays from 3-7 and Fridays from 11-3. Before donated food items can be put on the shelf for distribution, they must first be sorted and inspected to verify viability. Lots of the items donated by grocery stores are near (hopefully not beyond) their "use by dates" and must be checked by volunteers. Also, fresh produce must be checked and sorted.

How can you help?

- Food donations can be brought to the Food Bank.

They also have a "Simple Gesture Program" (which has about 500 participants at this time), where:

- (1) Food Bank volunteers will bring green bags to your doorstep. It comes with a list of most needed items.
- (2) You put food items to donate in the bags.
- (3) Volunteers pick up the bags every other month & bring them to the Food Bank.

- Money donations allow the purchase of specific items that might be in short supply and allow buying in bulk or on sale.
- Volunteers are always needed. Whether you can work a few hours one day a week, or several days a week, you are always welcome.

More info, see: stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org or call 360 629-2789

Cluster Conference Worship 2025



Stillaguamish
Tribe of Indians

The people of the ELCA Stillaguamish Conference Churches:

Bethlehem Lutheran, Marysville
Camano Lutheran, Camano Island
Faith Lutheran, Lakewood
Freeborn Lutheran, Stanwood
Our Saviour's Lutheran, Arlington
Peace Lutheran, Silvana



Baptism Henderson/Stokes 2025



Baptism for family Henderson/Stokes September 28th 2025

Ashley, Violet and Willa are new members of Camano Lutheran Church.

Welcome to Camano Lutheran Church!



Fall Back 2025

Daylight Saving Time ends on
November 2nd 2025.

The first Sunday of November.

Clocks will be set back 1 hour,
leading to sunrise and sunset
each coming an hour earlier.



Food Bank 2025

Food Bank Update

As of the end of September, in just a few short months since restarting food bank Sunday, Camano Lutheran Church has donated 445.5 pounds of food which equals a 1/4 ton of food.

Thank you so much for sharing the resources God has placed in your care to steward.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



But you, O Lord, are a shield around me,
my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

I cry aloud to the Lord,
and he answers me from his holy hill.

—Psalm 3:3-4

Your Care Team offers a Bereavement Support group for anyone grieving loss of any kind.

"We come from our grief experience as deeper persons because we have been down in the depths of despair and know what it's like. We come out of it stronger for we have had to learn how to use our spiritual muscles to climb the rugged mountain trails."

Please contact Linda Leque to schedule a time to talk.

the Leque residence, 718 State Highway 532. Questions?

Call Linda at (907) 500-8706.

All are welcome!

October 2025 Notes From The Property Maintenance Team

As we face the Fall challenges head-on, the following tasks were accomplished:

Set up and took down tables in Fellowship Hall for the National Day of Quilting

Camano Island Window Cleaning cleaned all building gutters and swept the flat roofs.

Removed moss on the corners and along the northern edge of the Pioneer Hall roof.

Removed the bugs from Fellowship Hall windows between outside glass and plexiglass.

Assisted with preparations for the Cluster Service in the Fellowship Hall

Hung Picture with custom frame in the Reflection Room.

Checked all buildings to make sure they are clear of any “ghosts & goblins”.

Finally, we mowed “green grass” again

Your friendly Property Management Team



SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, November 29th!



The Annual Church Advent Decorating will begin at **10AM**.

Stephanie Lightbody has graciously agreed to lead us again this year.

Come at **10AM** and stay as long as you are able.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Smith.

Friends, Family, and Fellowship

Friends, Family, and Fellowship

As Camano Lutheran starts our new Kid's Church, we are wanting to start having some regular gatherings of our people with the opportunity to invite others, and especially those with children to join for a meal.

The first one will be on Sunday, November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We are planning on having a potluck lunch following the church service that day.

We hope that you will plan to be with us for that occasion. We are also hoping that you will use this opportunity to invite others to be with us. We particularly hope that you will reach out to families who have children who might possibly be a part of Kid's Church.

We plan to have printed some handouts that you could use to give to those who might be interested. This would also be a chance to invite friends and neighbors to be with us on that Sun-

Potluck



Childcare Corner November 2025



Halloween Fun

October was filled with excitement as the children celebrated Halloween with creativity and enthusiasm. They enjoyed making crafts, dressing up in costumes, trick-or-treating around the church, and playing fun Halloween-themed games.

November Focus: Thankfulness

As we move into November, our focus will shift toward gratitude and the many things we are thankful for. The children will be learning about gratitude and reflecting on the many things we are thankful for through stories, discussions, and crafts. We're also excited to welcome *Library on Wheels*, which will exchange classroom books, read a story, and song time with the visiting librarian.

Butter Braids coming soon!

We will be participating in the Butter Braids fundraiser. We will be taking orders November 10th -December 5th. Orders will be ready for pick up December 11th. More information about how to order will be posted soon. The funds raised will help offset some costs including a new camera system in the childcare building.

New Two-Year-Old Classroom

We are excited to announce that our two-year-old classroom is now officially open! This exciting milestone has allowed us to welcome in new families.

Thanksgiving Celebrations and Closures

To celebrate the season of gratitude, all classes will come together for a special Thanksgiving Feast later this month. We will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

We will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday.

We are grateful for our wonderful families and staff who make our childcare center such a warm and welcoming place.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish everyone a joyful and peaceful November.

Ashli French

Childcare Director

(360) 629-2253

childcare@camanolutheranchurch.org





September 22, 2025

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

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, which were received by the ELCA churchwide organization last month.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
—1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Your gift is a reminder that our work of faith and labor of love are not done alone. We give thanks for our shared work and our shared hope, which inspire ELCA churchwide ministries, in partnership with congregations and synods, to make God's love real in exciting and ever-changing ways.

Your generosity is starting new faith communities and sustaining existing ones, empowering leaders, responding to disaster with long-term commitment, and addressing hunger and poverty. Through your gifts, you join with the whole church in loving our neighbors and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Thank you! May the God of all good gifts continue to work among you.

In Christ,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Congregational Generosity

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

8765 West Higgins Road • Chicago, Illinois 60631-4101 • 773-380-2700 or 800-638-3522 • ELCA.org • LivingLutheran.com



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Gifts are designated for:

Date	Program	Amount
7/31/2025	Global Mission	\$50.00
7/31/2025	ELCA World Hunger	\$1,292.83

Thank you



October 9, 2025

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your \$100.00 gift to Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center! Your gift helps further our mission of sharing God's love by allowing others to *Explore GRACE in Creation*.

As fall arrives and the air grows crisp, we pause to reflect on a summer filled with laughter, learning, and life-changing experiences at Lutherwood. Because of your generosity, campers of all ages experienced God's creation in fresh and meaningful ways—whether through a hike under towering cedars, a quiet moment under the stars, or the joy of worshipping together by the shores of Lake Samish.

Your gift doesn't just help us run another summer of camp—it plants seeds of faith, friendship, and resilience that will grow well into the future. As we transition into the fall season, the impact of your support continues to echo in the stories, prayers, and lives of those who came to Lutherwood this summer and will come this fall. God is still changing lives here on Lake Samish, and your gift makes it possible.

We are already busy preparing for the year ahead—maintaining our facilities, planning next summer's programs, and expanding opportunities for retreats, outdoor education, and congregational connections. Your partnership helps ensure that Lutherwood remains a vital place in Western Washington where people can root themselves in God's love and grow in faith, season after season.

Thank you for being part of the Lutherwood family. We couldn't do it without you, and we're grateful to walk this journey together.

In Christ,

Rev. Kevin C. Seese
Executive Director
Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center

P.S. Keep up-to-date upcoming retreats, our annual meeting, and more by signing up for our newsletter on our website camplutherwood.org.

Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with EIN #91-0629888. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Thank you



LUTHERAN
Community
Services
NORTHWEST

Health. Justice. Hope.



Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of \$75.00 on 09/23/2025 to support Lutheran Community Services Northwest's critical mission to bring health, justice and hope to our communities. **Hope** is the operative word. Your gift aids us in providing life-affirming services to those in need.

We are passionate about helping our clients find opportunities for growth and improvement. We seek to energize them with the tools they need to thrive. LCSNW works with individuals, families and communities to face the future with vision, support and resiliency.

Your generous giving helps us to make this mission a reality. Thank you!

With gratitude,
LCS Northwest Advancement Team

CAMANO LUTHERAN CEMETERY INFORMATION



Camano Lutheran Cemetery is managed by volunteer board members from Camano Lutheran Church. We have options for in-ground burial or cremation and niche wall cremation. Anyone can be buried at Camano Lutheran Cemetery - church membership is not required.

Interested in purchasing a plot or just have questions? Contact Karen Camp at CamanoCemetery@gmail.com or 360-722-6666.

Julebord at Skagit Valley College - 2025

JULEBORD 2025 is on Thursday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m.

This delightful Scandinavian smorgasbord is put on by students in the Culinary Arts Department at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon. Camano Lutheran church members have enjoyed the Christmas feast for the past several years. (And usually the SVC choir gives us a mini concert.)

Price is not yet determined (it was \$25 last year); pay at the college by cash or credit card. Plenty of free parking by McIntyre Hall or car pool from the church. Tables are reserved for us, so we must sign up by November 26.



THANK YOU!



Thank You!



September 11, 2025

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

Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for your gift of \$100.00 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 generosity changes lives.

Dilan Cabiroglu was a typical 17-year-old girl who enjoyed spending time with friends. Then her home, along with her whole neighborhood, in Türkiye was destroyed by an earthquake. Longing for normalcy, she became depressed when her school was too damaged to reopen.

Then generosity like yours helped her find an LWR-supported community center for teens affected by the earthquake. It offers games, sports, classes and counseling to help young people find hope for the future. Today, in the wake of loss, Dilan has found her smile again. She attends counseling and robotics courses and dreams of becoming a nurse so she can help others in their time of need.

I can't wait to see whose life will be changed by your recent gift. Thank you! We are proud to carry your love to those who need it most... 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.

September 25, 2025

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your \$100.00 gift to Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center! Your gift helps further our mission of sharing God's love by allowing others to *Explore GRACE in Creation*.

As fall arrives and the air grows crisp, we pause to reflect on a summer filled with laughter, learning, and life-changing experiences at Lutherwood. Because of your generosity, campers of all ages experienced God's creation in fresh and meaningful ways—whether through a hike under towering cedars, a quiet moment under the stars, or the joy of worshipping together by the shores of Lake Samish.

Your gift doesn't just help us run another summer of camp—it plants seeds of faith, friendship, and resilience that will grow well into the future. As we transition into the fall season, the impact of your support continues to echo in the stories, prayers, and lives of those who came to Lutherwood this summer and will come this fall. God is still changing lives here on Lake Samish, and your gift makes it possible.

We are already busy preparing for the year ahead—maintaining our facilities, planning next summer's programs, and expanding opportunities for retreats, outdoor education, and congregational connections. Your partnership helps ensure that Lutherwood remains a vital place in Western Washington where people can root themselves in God's love and grow in faith, season after season.

Thank you for being part of the Lutherwood family. We couldn't do it without you, and we're grateful to walk this journey together.

In-Christ,

Rev. Kevin C. Boebe
Executive Director
Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center

*THANK YOU
SO MUCH!
-KEVIN*

P.S. Keep up-to-date upcoming retreats, our annual meeting, and more by signing up for our newsletter on our website camplutherwood.org.

Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with EIN #91-0629888. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Cluster Conference Corner - November 2025



NOVEMBER 2025 -- www.northcountychurches.org

The NW Washington Synod are the congregations, people & ministries of the Pacific North west - journeying together. Learn more, get connected, and partner with others as we are the Body of Christ on this territory.

Journeying Together -- Our synod extends from the Canadian border in the north to Kent in the south, and from the Cascade foothills out into the islands of the Puget Sound.

www.lutheransnw.org - an online resource for classes, events, ministries, related to ALL Northwest Synod congregations.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

****SKY (Snohomish-King Youth) group.** ALL CLUSTER YOUTH (grade 6-12) ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The SKY group meets the first Sunday of the month and rotates around various churches.

Contact ANY of the Pastors or Church Offices for date and location of the next meeting.

Sunday School Programs – Please contact individual churches for exact times and specifics.

STUDIES ** FELLOWSHIP ** CONVERSATION

Faith Lutheran/Lakewood

Men's Spirituality – Illuman of WA. Meets the third Saturday of the month. Contact Bill Hogland at (425) 501-4112. IllumanofWA.org

Adult Bible Study – Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Our Saviour's/Arlington

Men's Coffee & Conversation(2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month). contact Jim Kjargaard or the church office.

Phoebe Circle – Women bible study group meets the third Thursday of the month. Contact Sally Shinstrom, at (360) 435-9392.

Peace Lutheran/Silvana

Men's Breakfast Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month

Camano Lutheran/Camano

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Thursday of the month. 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Samplings with Luther – 7:00 pm second and fourth Monday of every month. Men & women meet at Pub 282 (Camano Island) to discuss issues & topics relevant to day-to-day life.

Bethlehem/Marysville

Coffee & Conversation - Wednesdays at 1pm. This is a social group open to anyone. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage, new and different topics every week.

Freeborn /Stanwood

Life & Ministry of the Messiah - 8-week study starts Thursday, October 16th. Dinner at 5:30 PM, followed by a 20-25 minute video (filmed on location in Middle East). Discussion (please RSVP if you plan to come for dinner). Discovery guides -- \$10

Continued —>

Cluster Conference Corner - November 2025

MISSIONS ** MINISTRIES ** OUTREACH ** SUPPORT

Our Saviour's/Arlington

Grab and Go Meals – At the Arlington Community Resource Center

OSLC Mission Circle Quilting Group – OSLC Mission Circle Quilting Group Questions or interest please contact Beth Husted (425) 350-4417 or Donna DeWard, (360) 435-4350.

Comfort Squad - Contact Jan Hopson for more information. (808)756-5226.

Peace Lutheran/Silvana

LWR Quilters - 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. BYO lunch

Parkinsons Support Group Parkinsons support group for those recently diagnosed or long time patients. The goal of the group is to share experiences and connect. Contact Jean Oien: (360) 926-2887

Camano Lutheran /Camano

LWR Quilters – Monday morning in the Pioneer Hall at 9:00 am.

TOPS – For 75 years, TOPS Club has helped people take off, and keep off, the weight, doing things by the book such as healthy living from the inside, out. Every Thursday – 8:00 am

Bethlehem/Marysville

LWR Quilters - First Tuesday of every month at 9:00 am

Bethlehem/Marysville

Sunday Supper at BLC - coalition of churches and volunteers with a shared purpose of helping those who need it most. Services are free and open to everyone, every Sunday at times specified below.

HOT MEAL --- 3-4 PM SHOWER --- 2-6 PM LAUNDRY --- 2-6 PM

Faith Lutheran - makes a big mission impact through their partnership with LINC NW. Continue to read this newsletter for information about upcoming events sponsored in conjunction with LINC NW.

MISCELLANEOUS FUN & EVENTS

Peace Lutheran/Silvana

Book Club - Contact Peace Silvana 360-652-8739

AN OPEN INVITATION (1)

The lay leaders of the Conference Group would like to invite you to participate in a Saturday morning get-together with refreshments on **November 15 at 10:00 am at Peace Lutheran Church.**

We continue to see how our individual congregations share so many of the same ministries, programs, and stumbling blocks and thought an informal get-together would be a helpful way to mingle with other ministry team members from the Stillaguamish Valley

Conference to exchange creative ideas, thoughts, skills, knowledge, problem-solving techniques & solutions as we navigate the changing landscape of our specific area churches. Past or current members of a ministry team or those interested in learning about being on a ministry team, please join us! Contact your Conference Lay Leader for more information.

Continued —>

Cluster Conference Corner - November 2025

AN OPEN INVITATION (2)

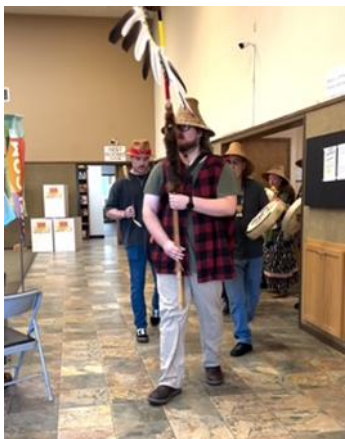
The **Cold Weather Shelter** for north Snohomish County/Camano Island, run by St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in conjunction with Stanwood Camano Resource Center is in need of volunteers to assist in hosting guests when the shelter is operating during winter weather. The shelter is capable of housing 12 guests (with pets). Hot breakfast & dinner are provided. Transportation is available thru Snow Goose. The CWS runs from 7 pm to 7 am. Minimum of 2 individuals needed per shift (divided into 2 shifts, 6:45 pm to 1:15 am and 1 am to 7:15 am). The vision and hope is to become a local community focused service, walking alongside those needing someone to lean on, to be seen and to create a community that is vibrant, healthy and powerful! Contact Kusum Batey for more information. (206) 432-2914

4TH ANNUAL STILLAGUAMISH WORSHIP SERVICE RECAP

Honoring the Sacred Land We Share

On October 5 the Stillaguamish Valley Conference held our 4th Annual Worship Service at Camano Lutheran. It was a heartfelt, meaningful time of reconciliation, healing and learning, attended by over 210 people from the 6 Stillaguamish Valley Conference churches and our neighbors, the Stillaguamish Tribe. As we learned about the stories from those who first inhabited this land where we reside, it was a reminder of our obligation to be good stewards, mindful of our shared values of creation. Our lay leader team is encouraged that we continue to come together, building a network community of friendships & relationships outside of our individual church walls. The combined contribution of approximately \$2800+ has been directed towards the ELCA Good Gifts Clean Water project. If you were not able to attend, you can watch the taped service on Camano Lutheran Church website. We would also like to remind you, if you have not already done so, to complete the short survey that is available online at:

www.northcountychurches.org or thru your church office.



SEEN & UNSEEN! ... AROUND CAMANO LUTHERAN

In this day and age of "instant gratification" a different viewpoint on what it means to be impatient!

SEEN & UNSEEN! ... AROUND CAMANO LUTHERAN

In early winter 2025 the difficult decision was made to close CLC Preschool.

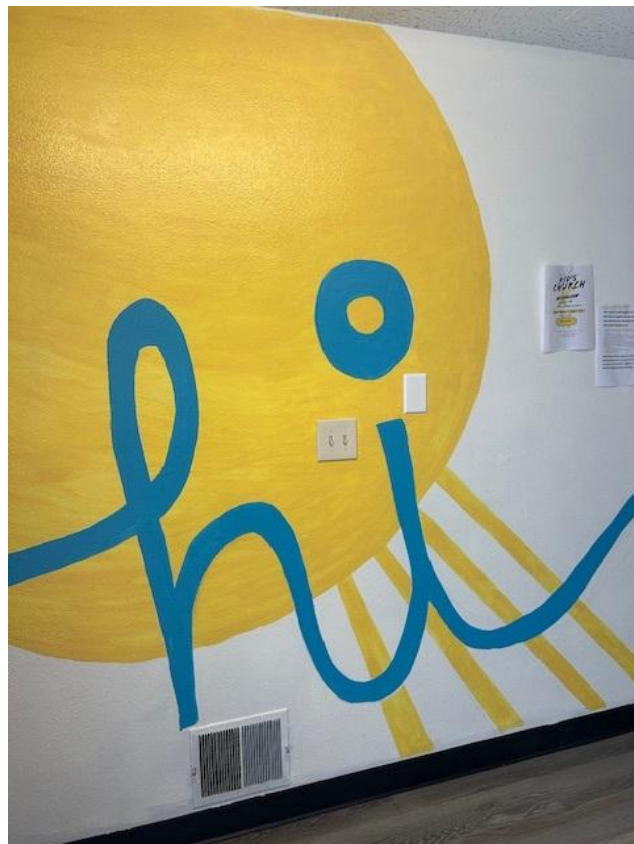
Our prayers were that we would be led to new avenues of serving our community & children.

9 months later, thanks to God's grace, vision and the hard work of dedicated members of our congregation, we gathered to bless two of the newly refreshed bright & colorful classrooms as a welcoming space to host an innovative program – KID'S CHURCH.

2 months earlier we were able to transform the former Preschool Director's office into a quiet & cozy space with comfortable seating to be utilized for confidential meetings, counseling with pastor, quiet/reflective discussion, etc.

One of the former classrooms was outfitted with tables and conference-room style upholstered chairs for smaller group meetings (an alternative to Pioneer Hall).

Thank you to all that helped with the transformations!



SEEN & UNSEEN! ... AROUND CAMANO LUTHERAN



After worship on October 12, 2 members from St. Aidans met with a small group and provided information on the Camano Island/Snohomish area Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) which was started in conjunction with Stanwood Camano Resource Center in 2023. Start-up supplies were donated from Island County & Stanwood Camano Food Bank. Donated laundry services are provided by Arlington Laundry Station. They can host 12 guests. Pets are welcome. Last winter season the shelter was open 27 nights serving 11 guests and 3 animals. 15 volunteers from St. Aidan's and 8 from Stanwood-Camano Volunteers. To continue to be successful they need more volunteers. The CWS runs from 7 pm to 7 am, divided into 2 shifts, 6:45 pm to 1:15 am and 1 am to 7:15 am. A minimum of two people are needed per shift, three would be ideal. One person from St. Aidan's will be present. The vision and hope for the CWS is to become a community focused service.

Interested in volunteering: contact Kusum Batey (206)432-2914 or St. Aidan's Episcopal Church.

The Stillaguamish Valley Conference held our 4th Annual Combined Worship Service on October 5. Together with our community neighbors from the Stillaguamish Tribe, over 210 people gathered in the large sanctuary to mutually worship our Creator and the blessing of the area where we live, work and play! The lay leaders of the Stillaguamish Valley Conference continue to meet about once a month. We welcome anyone interested in exploring new ways to make us.....**STRONGER TOGETHER!** Susann E. Hendrickson can provide information.

The leadership of Camano Lutheran Church (Council) have been working on annual deadline driven church functions as well as other activities which are crucial to the daily & monthly operation of CLC. Please prayerfully consider how you may discover firsthand the Spirit at work within Camano Lutheran Church.

SPENDING GUIDELINES & FINANCIALS

Sunday, November 9 - Spending guideline informational meeting. After service meeting to review 2026 Spending Guideline. The 2026 SG has been compiled by Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team, voted & approved by church Council on 10/16 to be forwarded to the membership for their approval. Stewardship & Finance operates from a position of transparency; this open meeting provides a question and answer time to personally assess the overall financial situation of CLC. OPEN TO ANYONE, members and non-members are encouraged to attend as it is an excellent opportunity to see exactly what is required to maintain church operations and where and how your offering is utilized.

Sunday, November 16 – After service paper ballot VOTE. Church members only may vote. A straight yes or no vote. Cannot make changes or suggestions.

SEEN & UNSEEN! ... AROUND CAMANO LUTHERAN

ELECTIONS

More information coming regarding nominees and election date. There are numerous positions & opportunities to share the blessings of your gifts through your time & talents.

Church Council - At-large positions (2 year term), Executive Team (1 year term) (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary).

Ministry Teams – ministry teams work best when there is a diversity of people with thoughts, ideas and input. Being on a Ministry Team does not always mean physical work! Life experiences are invaluable. Fellowship, Childcare, Worship & Music, Youth, Property, Altar Guild, Care Team, Stewardship & Finance.

OTHER INFORMATION

November 23 – The Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to **Friends * Fellowship * Food** a pot-luck event after worship which is open to ALL! Make some new friends, strengthen casual relationships, discuss mutual interests, learn what **Kid's Church * Godly Play & Godly Works** is all about! Invite your next door neighbors, co-workers or anyone you know who is looking to socialize and nurture a renewed sense of community, connection & neighbor!

www.northcountychurches.org – Informational website that provides information about the shared ministry of the 6 ELCA churches that make up the Stillaguamish Conference.

www.lutheransnw.org -- Packed with information about programs, ministries, events, classes, etc. for Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA.

LiVE program - **LiVE** (*rhymes with "give"*) is a lay ministry of the NW WA synod- ELCA, forming Christian leaders able to make sense of our place in God's world. CLC has paid subscription fee for ANYONE interested in joining ANY of the on-line zoom classes. CHECK IT OUT at the Synod website (address above). The code for zoom events for 2026 year is: LiVE 2025 (note: the "i" is lower case).

Looking for anyone with a strong sense of organization & scheduling; background in advertising or writing, graphics, website design, etc. contact Susann ---- would like to share some thoughts & ideas with you!

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Birthdays November

3rd Dave Buotte	18th Todd Score
3rd Travis Vogue	21st Alice Paul
3rd Christie Kauffman	22nd Rona Olson
5th Karen Camp	24th Erin Evans
7th Tina Dinzl-Pederson	24th Marilyn Smith
16th Ruth Hintz	24th SaraLyn Larsen
17th John Leque	30th Nancy Lacher
18th Don Schlagel	30th Susann Hendrickson

Anniversaries November

5th Gary & Mary Westerman	27th Alan & Connie Hall
8th Tom & Sharon Gresli	29th Ron & Irene Nelson
20th Stephen & Susann Hendrickson	
23rd Dale & Marcie Tepley	

* 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

Healing for: C.J., Pastor Lori Cornell, Don, Mindy Rigney, Kathy Walker, Pat Thorsen, Amy Kuniholm, Jessica Paul & Dorcy Nueman, Posie Siebold, Brandon, Mario, Bob, Annie, Pam, Jack & Kelley, Neil Weir, Jeff, Rachel Angela and her FEMA colleagues, Carolyn Griffin, Carol Gillespie, Caden McQuarrie, Jim & Martha Schelle Roz Johnston, the family of Marion Erickson, Kayley & Colin McCaffery, the family of Don Leak, the family of Ed Crow, the family of Diane Weir

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

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
2 10am In Person Worship Service 10am Kid's Church 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	3 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	4 5pm Girl Scouts	5 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	6 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 12:30pm Wom- en's Bible Study	7 6pm Boy Scouts Bazaar - set up 6:30pm AA	8 Boy Scouts Bazaar 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
9 10am In Person Worship Service 10am Kid's Church 6pm Al-Anon	10 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 3pm Care Team 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	11 Office Closed - Veterans Day 4 pm Steward- ship and Finance 5pm Girl Scouts	12 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	13 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 7pm Council Meeting	14 6:30pm AA	15 Dove Articles Due 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
16 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	17 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	18 5pm Girl Scouts	19 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	20 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew	21 6:30pm AA	22 AA Banquet - District 2 8am AA 9:45am AA Busi- ness Meeting 10:30am Al-Anon
23 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Potluck Lunch 6pm Al-Anon	24 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	25 5pm Girl Scouts	26 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	27 Thanksgiving 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott	28 Office Closed - Thanksgiving 6:30pm AA	29 8am AA 10:30 am Al-Anon
30 10am In Person Worship Service FOOD BANK 11am Monthly Coffee Hour Cel- ebration 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon						



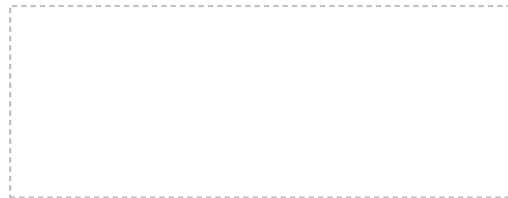
Camano Lutheran Church

850 Heichel Road
Camano Island, WA
98282

NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATION

US Postage Paid
Stanwood WA 98282

Permit No. 63



or Current Resident

