



Camano Lutheran Church
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Camano Lutheran Dove

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Reflections with Pastor Scott

JESUS FLIGHT TO EGYPT



As I sat reflecting on our Afghan refugees zoom meeting in early November, I couldn't help but think of Jesus flight to Egypt with Joseph and his mother Mary. I've read reports that the latest surge in violence in Afghanistan has forced more than 600,000 people to flee since January 2021. The Afghan refugee crisis is one of the longest and most protracted in the world. 2.2 million Afghan refugees live in neighboring countries, with 90 percent generously hosted by Iran and Pakistan. During our meeting we learned from Salah Ansari from Lutheran Community Services Northwest that they will be placing 37,000 Afghan refugees in housing in Washington.

These people have lived for years under various governments lording it over them with the threat of violence and violence itself. They have also had foreign governments come in and out and with them continued instability and lack of certainty for the future and at times, fear for their lives. Now some refugees can start a new life through the hospitality of strangers if those strangers are willing to become neighbors.

In Matthew 2 the wisemen coming looking for "He who has been born king of the Jews." The text goes on to say, "When King Herod heard this, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him..." Herod tries to convince the wisemen to let him know where Jesus has been born, but the wisemen are warned in a dream that Herod wants to kill the child and they leave without giving up Jesus' location. Herod is furious and orders all the children under two years of age in Bethlehem and all that region to be killed. Joseph is warned in a dream of Herod's ploy and is told to take his family to Egypt. They were refugees dependent on another nation and people to offer them hospitality and safety amidst the threat of violence.

What must it have been like for Jesus, Joseph, and Mary? Did they know anyone there they could trust? How hard was the journey? How did they get food? How did they find a place to stay? How did the people welcome them if they did welcome them? Were they looking over their shoulders all the time? How much fear did they have in their hearts that they might be worse off in Egypt than in Bethlehem? What was the culture shock like? Yes, Egypt was near them but that doesn't mean all the customs, religion and life was the same? After all, they are going back to a place where their ancestors were held as slaves for 400 plus years. Were they hesitant to even go? What else do you imagine were their fears as they hid from national leadership that would just as soon have them dead?

Perhaps you too can see the similarities of the story of the one we call savior and Lord and today's reality for so many. What must all those questions and wonderings be like for today's Afghan refugees? I think in some way the Christmas story has come to our shores, a version that maybe hasn't been told or understood in this way before. Jesus birth begins with, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel, which means, God with us." Matthew 1:23. Years later in Matthew 25 Jesus is asked, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when

did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you in prison and visit you?" Jesus answers them, "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Of course, it goes on to answer the opposite question, "When did we not..." and Jesus responds similarly, "As you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."



How will we welcome Christ this Christmas and the days that follow? As we learn more of how we can help in this specific situation we will let you know and then we will know our response to how we will welcome Christ this Christmas and beyond.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,
Pastor Scott

Advent Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

Advent

Since we will not be doing Advent midweek services this year and we know how so many folks love Holden Evening Prayer, we will be using Holden Evening Prayer for worship on the first and fourth Sundays of Advent. Weeks 2 and 3 will be a more traditional Advent service.

Christmas Eve Worship

5:30PM and **8PM** in our beautifully decorated large sanctuary

December 26 Christmas 1

Lessons & Carols at **10am**

Advent Midweek zoom Class with Pastor Scott

All three weeks at 6:30PM

A zoom link will be sent through the all church email. Contact the church office if you are not currently on the all church email list and would like to receive the link.

December 1 *Messy Apocalypse: Just the Future?*

December 8 *A Beautiful Broken Question*

December 15 *Hope, Hope, Hope*

The Bishop's Article from the December 2021 Edition of The Spirit



From the Bishop:

Miriam sings, *"Sing to the Lord, for God has triumphed gloriously!"* Exodus 15:21

Hannah sings, *"My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God!"* 1 Samuel 2:1

Mary sings, *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!"* Luke 1:46

I am so grateful for the stories of Miriam, Hannah, and Mary. I love their spirit. I love their faith. I love their songs. I love that even with the great adversity, sorrow, and difficulty each of them endured, Miriam, Hannah, and Mary defiantly sang.

Each of these women's stories unfolded in a world that seemed bleak. A world of systemic injustice and no safety nets. A world where people upheld their own power to the detriment of others. A world where people refused to see another person made in God's image before them. A world where people threw away people because they were perceived as "less than." A world where people threw away people because they could not bear children. A world where people threw away people because they became pregnant without being married.

And while their experiences are not our experiences, for many still today, the world feels desperate.

Today, so many people are living in dire conditions. So many who are hungry, houseless, voiceless. We have injustice and violence, racism and hatred. We have anger and acrimony. We have the spreading of lies and misinformation. As I write this, our world is grieving the deaths of over 5 million people who have died of COVID. Over 100,000 people died of drug overdoses in the United States this past year. And so many other

deaths and losses. There are still people that society throws away. There are still people that other people don't even look at as human.

And yet ... And yet ...

We have Miriam, Hannah, and Mary. We have their defiant voices lifted up singing not only to their world in their time – but beyond their time – to us – and to future generations beyond us.

In this Advent time, let us turn to the stories and the songs of Miriam, Hannah, and Mary. Let us remember their prophetic voices. Let us remember their perseverance, their faith, and their grit. For even as the reality around them was difficult, they continued to sing of a new day, a new promise, a new reality.

May these amazing prophet women bring hope to us in this time. May we remember that new life is coming. May we trust that the world now is not how the world will be. May we hold before us that, through Christ, a new day is being born.

In this Advent time, we live in anticipation and in faith. And we sing. We sing.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:

"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";

*She conceived him, "God with us," our brother,
whose birth*

*Restores hope and courage to children of this
earth.*

ELW #266, All Earth is Hopeful vs. 3

In Advent Hope,

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

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Thoughts from the CLC Care Team

by Joan Bauermeister

Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need.
Who upon the cross forsaken worked your mercy's perfect deed.
We, your servants bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread.
Still the captives cry for freedom. Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power to our world and make it whole.

As we worship **grant us vision**, till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear.
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

As I reflect on the past 2 years of the pandemic and how life has changed for many, I know that I have been blessed: staying healthy and being connected to a loving family, a caring neighborhood, and the CLC church community. I have missed opportunities to travel for fun and visits with friends, but my "hardships" have been minor.

What have I missed? For months, I missed singing with the congregation at CLC. Music and lyrics are the "stirring" part of worship for me. I find phrases of certain hymns stick in my mind in the days following worship services. We may have missed opportunities these past 2 years, but our call to caring is stronger than ever.

As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, we will be hearing many traditional hymns and familiar carols. "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service" (LBW #423) is not an Advent or Christmas hymn. It is a simple melody, calling us to live out our mission statement to share God's love, to serve our neighbors near and far. At this time of year as we recognize our blessings and abundance, may we have vision to discern the needs of others and stir us to service.

CLC Care Team: Paul and Charlotte Shoup, Steve and Thea Hana, Tina Dinzl-Peterson,
Dan and Joan Bauermeister

Sunday Scripture Lessons for December 2021

December 5th: 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 1 Malachi 3:1-4
- Luke 1:68-79
- Philippians 1:3-11
 - Luke 3:1-6

December 19th: 4th Sunday of Advent

- Micah 5:2-5a
- Luke 1:46b-55
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

December 12th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Isaiah 12:2-6
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18

December 26th: 1st Sunday of Christmas

- 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 - Psalm 148
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Luke 2:41-52

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship Snapshot		
	October 2021	YTD
General Offerings Received	21,626	219,073
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	1,205	3,569
Interest Earned - General Account	16	513
Gain(Loss) Temporarily Held Securities	-	(1,356)
Total Income	22,847	221,799
Budgeted Expenses Paid	22,809	228,892
Overage (Shortage)	38	(7,093)
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	959	9,764
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	1,935	20,151
Total Benevolence Paid Out	2,894	29,915

Congratulations to Camano Lutheran's Confirmation Class of 2021!



After having to postpone their confirmation classes in the Spring of 2020 due to the Pandemic, and postpone their Confirmation in the Spring of 2021 due to continuing safety concerns, Signe Cairus, Mallory Larsen, Austin Staffenhagen, and Emily Staffenhagen were finally Confirmed on October 31, 2021.



Signe Cairus



Mallory Larsen



Austin Staffenhagen



Emily Staffenhagen

Historically, possibly and hopefully, the only Camano Lutheran Confirmation Class to be required to wear masks during their Confirmation service.



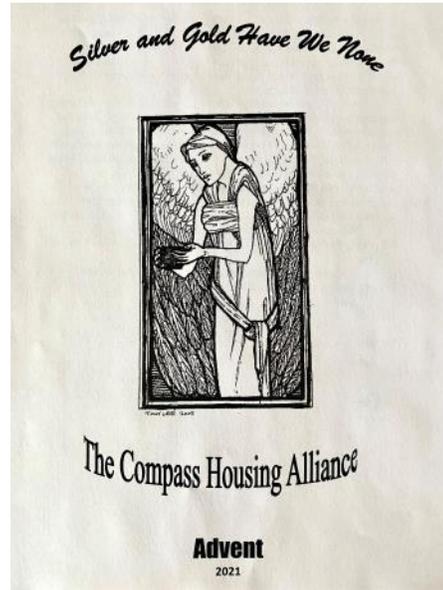
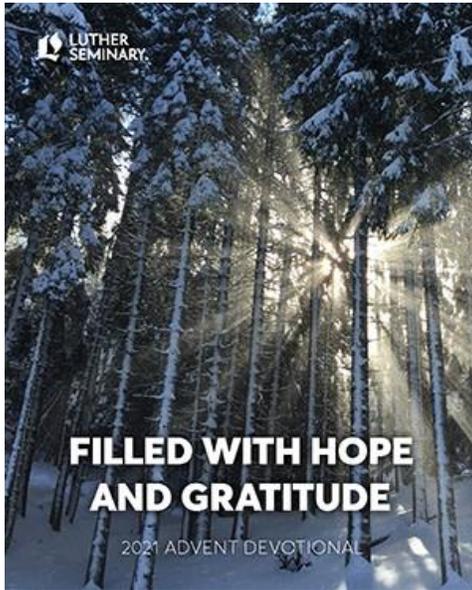
2021 Annual Holiday Pie Baking to Support Stanwood Camano Food Bank



This year over 4 weekends, 604 pies were baked! Thank you Susann Hendrickson and all of those who volunteered their time and support.

Advent Devotionals

Printed copies of Luther Seminary's 2021 Advent Devotional as well as The Compass Housing Alliance Devotional are now available for pick up on the counter inside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall as well as the blue tub outside the Pioneer Hall. Digital copies were also sent via an all church email.



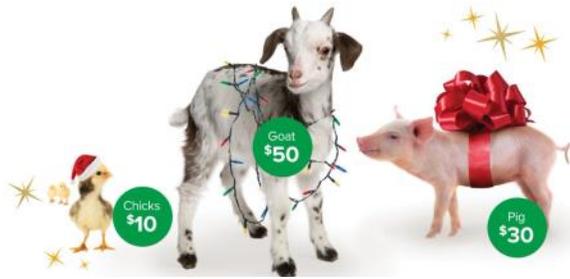
Christmas gift tags for Josephine Caring Center are now available in the Fellowship Hall. Each tag has three needs or wishes from the Josephine resident. Choose one or as many as you wish. We ask that all gifts be returned to the church no later than 11am, Sunday, December 12th in order to be delivered by their timeline. Also, Josephine has asked that all gifts this year be packaged in gift bags, with the tag attached to the handle. Please contact Kathy Lauer or the church office for more information. Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT DECORATING MAKES IT RETURN AT CAMANO LUTHERAN!



Thank you to all who helped on Sunday to decorate the Large Sanctuary. Many hands did make it happen quickly. There are many individuals and families to thank. I wish to especially thank Stephanie and Ryan Lightbody who took the extra risk on the HIGH ladder and lent their artistic eye. Again, I so appreciate each of you and the contributions you made.

Worship and Music Ministry Team



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

December 2021

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

With the loss of family livelihoods due to the global health crisis many families in developing countries have had to sell off the livestock they depend on, leaving them without resources to feed their kids ... and with no building blocks for tomorrow. The ELCA GOOD GIFTS program is one great way for us to use our resources to help them revive their livelihood, and restore their future. Donations to the *ELCA Good Gifts Program* support long-term, sustainable solutions that last for more than a few days or weeks. They can keep on giving for years to come.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Gifts of an animal also include education, training and resources to support people receiving animals.

COW \$50 for a share or \$500 for the complete cow.

One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of milk each day. Nutritious milk from a cow helps ensure that children grow up healthy and strong.

PIG \$30

A pig in the pen is like money in the bank. Within months, a tiny piglet grows to weigh over 200 pounds.

GOAT \$50

Goats are known for surviving in some of the world's harshest environments. With this gift, a family gets access to an ongoing supply of protein-packed milk and dairy products.

CHICKS \$10

Ten little chicks make a big difference! When they are just months old, these chicks begin laying eggs, which make nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry. The many extra eggs are often enough to allow a family to start a small business by selling them for additional income.

SEEDS & GARDENING TOOLS \$50

New tools and equipment, along with seeds and training, can help a family start their own small garden, improve their daily nutrition and increase their earning power.

WATER

Clean water is one of the most powerful ways to make a change in the world.

WELL \$250 for a share or \$2500 for a complete well.

With each working well, or spring box, as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe drinking water. Sanitation improves. Everyone is healthier and stronger.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM \$100 for a portion.

Irrigation systems, coupled with training and maintenance, can help vulnerable farmers and their families become more resilient to the impacts of climate change and give them the tools to protect their water supply.

The above are just some of the gift-giving options. Check out the **ELCA Good Gift Catalog** for many more (copies available at the church) or visit ELCA.org/goodgifts online. Together, we do more than we could ever do alone to fight hunger and transform lives.

EXCITING ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR TWO OF CLC'S HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Griffin Satterfield was recruited by Ball State and some other D1 and D2 schools. He visited Lewis (D1) this summer and Ball State in September. He was given a verbal offer from Ball State and accepted verbally on the trip. He received a 20% athletic scholarship (D1 men's volleyball only get 4) and the Distinction Scholarship for academics (\$12k per year for all 4 years). He was recruited as a setter.



After a couple years of playing SCJAA volleyball, he connected with Mark West (co-owner with his wife Raquel) from SpaceNeedle Volleyball Foundation (SNVF) during a UW volleyball camp. He started playing at SNVF when he was 11 on a U18 team (as there aren't many boys volleyball teams in the area). He has played with them in multiple positions (everything but libero) and landed in the setter position during his U16 year. Mark and Raquel's son, Matt, is an international player (setter at Pepperdine) and has helped coach Griffin too! His teams have earned bids twice (2019 and 2021) to Nationals.

Griffin has a profile on NCSA if you want any more information and he has a YouTube channel under his name with highlight videos.

Congratulations to **Emma Floyd**, who was surprised on October 27th with the announcement that she is a recipient of a \$5,000 Dave Henderson Scholarship presented by Toys for Kids and the Smith Family Foundation. Longtime Seattle Mariners play-by-play announcer Rick Rizzs, who co-founded Toys for Kids with Henderson, the former Mariners outfielder who passed away in 2015, presented the scholarship to Emma at SHS along with Dave's wife Nancy Henderson. Emma was joined by her parents, Derek and Julie Floyd.

Emma plans to attend Willamette University in Salem, Ore., and study physical therapy. In her essay application for the scholarship, she described her desire to help other people with physical therapy as she has undergone two ACL surgeries herself. She will be honored with other Henderson Scholarship recipients at the Toys for Kids Winter Gala on Nov. 13. To learn more about Toys for Kids, visit tfkseattle.org.



Anniversaries

4th Bob & Dene Henderson
9th Karl & Mary Munson
15th Ralph & Mary Powers
16th Paul & Charlotte Shoup
17th Andy & Irma Yee
17th Rand & Gretchen Pigott
23rd Larry & Nadine Lien
31st James & Martha Schelle

Birthdays

6th Emily Staffenhagen
7th Cecelia Thiel
8th Teresa Luce
8th Jo Reed
9th Janet Mayer
11th Bonnie Thomas
11th Kathy Uroff
16th Carolyn Tobiason
17th Greta Satterfield
17th Alfred Hendrickson
24th Liz Paul
27th Irma Yee
28th Aaron Osburn
30th Julie Floyd

* If we missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church office so we can celebrate with you.*

Prayers Needed

Healing for: Jessica Belk, Christian Lopez, Jack Hamilton, Marilyn Hickok, Lisa Hayes, Lori Skiba, Sharon Buffalo, Pam Larsen, Susann Hendrickson, Ed Crow, Bob Thomas, Nadine Lien, Julie Bolser, Jeanette Jewell, Linda Mackie, Jessica, Ginny Wortman, Linda Johnson, Helen Micucci, Inez Hushagen, The Cohn Family - Evelyn, Scott, Ava & Brayen Cohn, Glenna Timmerman, Miriam Clark, Elsie Jo Hendrickson, Jim Powers, Sandy Cowden, Cindy Hogman, Sophie Jackson, Tom Moore, Leih Rutledge, Brad McDonald, Ginny Esslinger, Nancy Johnson, Wilma Barrett, Wayne Wegner, Jim Olsen, Jan Karr, Maranda Hansen, Bill Holz, Andy Hamilton, Curtis Peterson, Antivius Rush, Bill Vance, Joshua Tinker, Davie Kelly, Andrew Adams, Eric McDonnell, Joy L Edwards, Diane Hilmo, Trisha Bourdeau, Geoff Taylor, Jessica, Jeanne, Barrett, Frances Viscoti, Dan Harris, Landry Hall (great grandson of Loretta Nelson), Sean Brough, Ken Bailey, Stacy Pinorini, Bonnie Thomas, Jan Churchhill, Steve Schmitz,

Comfort for: Family of Claude Baily, Les Surridge

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

Military persons associated with Camano Lutheran or Specific Request:

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

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

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 2pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Advent Midweek Zoom Class	2 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Church Staff Meet 12:30pm Martha Study Group	3 6:30pm AA	4 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
			5 10am In Person Worship Service 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	6 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	7 5pm Girl Scouts	8 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 6:30pm Advent Midweek Zoom Class
12 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	13 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Women's Evening Bible Study	14 9:15am Christmas Practice 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Preschool Christmas Program 6:30pm Stewardship and Finance	15 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 6:30pm Advent Midweek Zoom Class	16 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott	17 6:30pm AA	18 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
19 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	20 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:30pm Piano Recital/Lauri Stevens 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	21 5pm Girl Scouts	22 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott (Office Open 10am-noon)	23 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting) (Office Open 10am-noon)	24 Christmas Eve 5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship 8pm Christmas Eve Worship (Office Closed)	25 Christmas Day 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
26 10am In Person Worship Service Lessons & Carols 6pm Al-Anon	27 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts (Office Closed)	28 5pm Girl Scouts	29 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 2pm Women's Bible Study	30 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott	31 New Year's Eve 6:30pm AA	



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