



Camano Lutheran Church

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Camano Lutheran Dove

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Reflections with Pastor Scott

Poles Apart



In one of the recent Sunday sermons (June 18) I mentioned how important it is for us to be willing to get to know people and their stories as it may clarify for us some of the decisions or things they do. I shared Father Boyl's story of Joel who is "on the lookout" for God's "hints and anonymous tips" of God's presence as soon as his feet hit the floor. I also shared the story of Anthony who would not "sush" his little girl because of what he went through as a child and when she drew on the wall, he placed his cheek against her cheek and said, "That's the most beautiful art I have ever seen." In the article below Pastor Terry Kylo shows how Pathways to Understanding is trying to do just that, connect different people and groups together that they may get to know one another. I would say, Look and see ourselves in the other understanding each of us is a child of God. That's our core identity. I wanted to use my article space this month to share that article.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,
Pastor Scott

Poles Apart

By Terry Kylo | June 18, 2023

Everyone is talking about how divided we are. Most of the time this conversation is accompanied by a sense of dread and despair. People don't know what to do.

In her book, *Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity*, professor Lilliana Mason tells a story about how we got here and what it means. In a Podcast with Ezra Klein she lays out the key issue in the debate:

And when we start having a debate over who is American, who deserves the rights and protections of the American government and Constitution, that is a place where there is zero room for compromise.

LILLIANA MASON

Her thesis is that our political parties and ideologies have become our identity. Given how human beings get competitive when our identity is at stake we can see where we are.

Many organizations are focusing on getting Republicans and Democrats into conversation. That is great! We need more practice at civil discourse.

PTU is using a different strategy.

With **Let's Go Together**, we are gathering people of diverse traditions, cultures, economic situations, and other identities to get to know, work with, and honor one another in public.

To be sure, there will be Democrats and Republicans in the group. But we are focusing people on their other identities – and the fact that we each have many identities.

Seeing how people of diverse traditions can come together for meals, a service day, and a fun public event, people can begin to recognize that we are not living in a world defined by two poles, but rather overlapping values and common goals. It is easy to get so focused on a polarized world that we continue the polarization

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in the way we seek to solve it – by focusing people into two groups.

When people of deeply held beliefs come together in mutual respect, the larger community sees a vision, right in their local neighborhood, of how we can navigate other differences, too. That gives us a chance to see how much we have in common, and that we live not in a two-polar world but a multi-polar world. We all have differences as well as commonalities with each other.



My first church was deeply troubled, so much so I needed a weekly meeting with a counselor to handle the strain. He taught me something important: You can't always solve a problem by going at it directly. When we do, he said, we often activate people's denial, fears, and competitive nature. We make the problem the key issue, instead of our common purpose for gathering into a group in the first place.

Sometimes, he said, we need to help people solve another problem, have another positive experience first, that can help put the main issue into a new perspective.

Our Let's Go Together initiative is an attempt to do just that.

And one more thing: We are trying to help people realize that we have more power than we know. We can't change the whole world, but we can change the world where we are.

When we do, we even find that it's a whole lot of fun to begin to know each other, again or for the first time.

Sunday Scripture Lessons for July 2023

July 2nd: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 28:5-9
- Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
- Romans 6:12-23
- Matthew 10:40-42

July 9th: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

- Zechariah 9:9-12
- Psalm 145:8-14
- Romans 7:15-25a
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16th: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 55:10-13
- Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
- Romans 8:1-11
- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23rd: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 44:6-8
- Psalm 86:11-17
- Romans 8:12-25
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30th: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 Kings 3:5-12
- Psalm 119:129-136
- Romans 8:26-39
- Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Bishop's Article from the July/Augst 2023 Edition of The Spirit



From the Bishop:

As I write this, I am still re-living a beautiful experience that I had last weekend. Five of my friends and I drove to the Gorge Amphitheatre and we saw Joni Mitchell in concert.

For some of you, this might be interesting, for others, you might not even know who Joni Mitchell is. For me, the time was filled with joy, laughter, tears, friendship, and community ... not to mention amazing music and storytelling.

But this isn't about Joni Mitchell ... at least not entirely. For what struck me as I sat on the grass with 26,000 other people, was the church-like feeling that was there. Or perhaps I should say the "Jesusy" feeling that was there. Or maybe the Holy Spirit in action feeling. And this came from the crowd itself.

As we all sat crowded together on blankets and chairs, people told stories, shared food and drink, sang songs, helped those who were having difficulty navigating the hillside, and together we became community. The little children sitting to the right of me danced, the young girls sitting to the left of me accepted blankets from my friend, and the man in front of me told me that he had traveled from North Carolina to see Joni. He told me that he was surprised to discover the Gorge was not located in Seattle!

There was one point in the concert, after it had gotten dark, when Joni was singing and people – one by one – started shining the flashlight from their cellphones towards the stage. Throughout the crowd, little points of light lit up the darkness. Now, if you have been to a concert in the last ten years, this is a common occurrence. Cell phone lights have taken the place of lighters being raised. However, because Joni has not performed in over twenty years, she was bemused by the lights. She turned to the person next to her on stage and said, "It looks like a fallen constellation. Where did they get all those lights?"

I thought her words and her surprise were charming. But as I looked around me, at the people sharing blankets, at those with arms around each other swaying to the music, at the cozy darkness around us and the lights looking like fallen stars, it was more than charming. It was holy.

For a moment, we were a cathedral. For a moment, we were community. For a moment, we were one.

At our best, this is what it means to be church. To be the Body of Christ. To practice hospitality and generosity, and grace. To see Christ in one another. To accept others' limitations and to be accepting of our own.

I confess that all was not perfect at the Gorge. There was a person close to me who insisted on singing every word to every song. While her voice was fine, I was not there to hear her but to hear Joni. There were people who cut in line after we had been waiting two hours to get inside. There was a driver who bullied his way into the front of the very long line of vehicles as we were leaving.

Perhaps this is like church, too. At least church as a human construction. Those of us who have been part of a church for a while, we know that church is not always sharing blankets and food, singing and joy. Sometimes, as humans, we hoard our stuff. We take offense at others. We refuse to listen. We bully. We push. Our voices sometimes drown out other voices.

And yet ... I pray that the moments of grace we receive this summer – from music at the Gorge to singing lustily in church, from sharing food on a hillside to receiving the body and blood of Christ – may we be church together. May we know and make it known that all are fully loved by God – in the times when we are like fallen constellations and in the times we are not.

May your summer be filled with holy moments.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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MAY 2023 CLC PROPERTY TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The heat pumps were inspected twice, several leaks were detected, parts were place on order, have not yet been received.
2. Setup Stage for Pre-School Graduation Ceremony.
3. Discussed Playground improvement options.
4. Received repaired door closure unit from AB, used it to replace alternate closure unit on NE entrance door.
5. Removed inoperable Door Closure unit on door to Big Sanctuary from preschool hallway and replaced it with alternate closure unit from NE entrance.
6. Mailed inoperable Door closure unit to AB for repair.
7. Loaded boxes of quilter quilts on to truck, delivered them to Ballard church for shipping overseas.
8. Changed florescent ballast in entry light to Pioneer Hall.
9. Changed burnt out lightbulb in Pioneer Hall bathroom.
10. Disassembled Stage following Pre-School Graduation ceremony.
11. Assisted Cemetery Committee with preparations for Columbarium Center Dedication and Remembrance Ceremony for Allen Gilbertson.
12. Monitored cleaning of gutters on several buildings.
13. Completed weekly mowing and trimming around buildings per schedule.



CHILDCARE CORNER

We are so excited to share with you everything childcare related. Not only are we busy transitioning from the school year into our summer program, but we have also had the awesome opportunity to be able to give back to the church.

This past year we were approved for a grant. That grant has allowed us to be able to purchase a new refrigerator/freezer unit for the kitchen as well as shade structures for the playground.

Friday, June 16th is our second Professional Development Day. We will be discussing a training everyone has taken titled, "Attitude is Everything."

As I stated earlier, we are so excited for our summer program. To name a few of our plans, we have Michele Lefevre visiting us on June 27th to share a book she authored, "On Kona's Pond". A current parent in the program will be coming in on Fridays to do science projects with everyone. One of our wonderful staff members will be teaching the children about dance. Each Wednesday we will be playing in the grassy field. One game we will play is our own version of frisbee golf.

On a personal note, by the true Grace of God, it has been a blessing to be given the opportunity to rebuild Camano Lutheran Childcare.



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship Snapshot



	May 2023	YTD
General Offerings Received	20,618	102,687
Easter Offerings - 1/2 to General Fund	-	918
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	790	2,247
Interest Earned - General Account	87	419
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	580	2,900
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	250	1,250
Gain(Loss) Temporarily Held Securities	-	-
Total Income	22,325	110,421
Budgeted Expenses Paid	29,201	129,610
Overage (Shortage)	(6,876)	(19,189)
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	1,009	5,045
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	1,368	11,963
Total Benevolence Paid Out	2,377	17,008

“SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVIN’ IS EASY” A NOTE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Asked by Council to write about summertime and our patterns in giving, that refrain just kept singing through my head. I love the jazz version by Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong but I’ve learned recently that this was a lullaby that is the opening to the opera Porgy and Bess. The thought of this song as lullaby reminds me of the care and nurturing of our holy Abba all year long. But summertime...when we exhale just a bit more, when we take a moment to absorb sunshine, when we travel to find time with friends and family. Summertime is when the living is just a bit easier.

Summer is also the time in our church family when our giving falls behind a bit. Not because any of us lack a commitment to our church, but because summer will take us to other places. So, our Church Council is asking you to take a moment and remember the needs of our community in advance of your travels. For many of us, [giving online](#) is convenient and easy. For others, it feels better to just mail a check to 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Island, WA 98282. However much you feel able to give and in whatever way you choose to give, we are grateful. Blessings on your summer celebrations and travels.

In His Love,

Janet St. Clair, Council President

A NOTE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Moment – *Ways to Give*

Did you know?

IRAs:

- If you are at least 70 ½ years young you can contribute funds directly from your IRA to Camano Lutheran Church.
- This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution or QCD.
- Such amounts are excluded from your taxable income up to \$100,000 per calendar year.
- A lower taxable income may have significant tax advantages for you, including reducing or avoiding Medicare premium IRMAA surcharges.
- Most IRA trustees will transfer funds on a regular schedule per your request – i.e. monthly, quarterly, semi-annually.
- You may ask our bookkeeper (Teresa) to report your contribution in one lump sum or evenly over a specified number of months.
- Furthermore, you may designate how the funds are to be applied – i.e. general offering, building maintenance & repair fund or a specific benevolence.

Appreciated Stock:

- You may donate appreciated stock to Camano Lutheran Church.
- Contact our bookkeeper for instructions on executing a stock transfer directly into Camano Lutheran's brokerage account.
- A direct transfer avoids the capital gain realized if the stock had been sold.
- We will liquidate the stock and transfer the money to our general cash account.
- You may designate how the funds are to be applied – i.e. general offering, building maintenance & repair fund or a specific benevolence.

Online Giving:

- Online giving is convenient, easy, time-saving and resource conscious.
- Use it for single donations or to set up scheduled auto payments – e.g. weekly or monthly
- Your scheduled auto payment may be split between General Offerings, Building Repair & Maintenance Fund, Benevolence of the Month (BOM) and church planting.
- To give online go to <https://www.camanolutheranchurch.org/> and click the Donate button.

This article is not intended to provide tax, investment or legal advice. Please consult your investment and/or tax advisor to find out how these options fit your individual situation.

Gretchen Pigott, Treasurer
Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team

STILLAGUAMISH CLUSTER EVENT

Stillaquamish Cluster Event - September 10, 2023 - God's Work. Our Hands

Have you marked this day on your calendar? Our cluster churches will celebrate together through worship, fellowship, and service. The planning committee is still gathering ideas and working on the details. It will be held at the Stanwood fairgrounds. This is an exciting opportunity to help our local communities and meet others in our cluster congregations.

We need your help to make this happen. Debra Compton from Peace Lutheran has volunteered to head up the service project part of the event. Contact her at debbbers54@aol.com to volunteer.

Laureen Breon, the choir director at Our Savior's in Arlington invites others to join their choir for the event. Watch for details and more volunteer opportunities in the upcoming weeks.

Stillaguamish Cluster Event Planning Committee

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



September 10, 2023

NEW MEMBER CORRECTION!



In last month's new member introductions I mistakenly introduced Velda Holt as Mimi Biermann. I would like to reintroduce everyone to the lovely lady pictured to the left. This is **Velda Holt**.

MISSION AVIATION TRAINING ACADEMY UPDATE



June 9, 2023

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your partnership in the ministry of MATA.

Our private pilot students are right on track in their training progress. Casey recently flew his first solo flight!

Just like our student, Derek, last month, our most recent student, Adrian, also came to us for advanced flight training to prepare for kids' camp in Alaska this summer. He served in Alaska last summer and wants to fly the kids and counselors to the camp this year.

Our student, Dave, and our Director of Flight Operations, Gary, flew one of our Cessna 172s to Kansas where it will receive an upgraded, more powerful engine. In addition to the new engine, this trip also provides a great cross-country experience for Dave.

Our maintenance team has been extremely busy getting and keeping our planes in good running order. They have also assisted two other mission agencies, Mission Aviation Repair Center and Send North, with maintenance on their planes. The Cessna 182 with retractable gear finally flew with its new engine after being grounded for almost a year. Thanks to all who prayed for the supply chain.

As we gear up for our summer students and activities, including Aviation Summer Camp, we continue to be grateful for your part in this ministry. Without you, we could not do what we do. Because of you, pilots are trained, the gospel is shared with remote people groups, and people are brought into the kingdom.

We praise God for His goodness, and we thank Him for you.

Sincerely,

Dary Finck

Executive Director

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JOSEPHINE HANDS OF HOPE SERVICE PROJECT



HANDS OF HOPE

*A service project of Josephine Caring Community
to inspire purpose, meaning, and hope
throughout vulnerable communities in
Snohomish and Skagit Counties*

**Our new Hands of Hope program equips and empowers our residents
to serve people and animals living in transitional situations.
We are making hats, scarves, tied fleece blankets, toiletry kits, birthday kits
(children/teens), leashes, and other needed items.
We invite your partnership in our project through the following opportunities:**

Donate Unused Items

- Worsted weight 100% superwash wool yarn or call/visit Stilly River Yarn mentioning this project for 20% discount – (360) 631-5801
- Hand towels
- Travel-sized toiletry items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, comb/brush, lotion, etc.)
- Fleece material
- Birthday supplies for children and teens
- Birthday gifts for children and teens
- Funds to procure needed items and/or select from our Amazon Wishlist

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/CP011EXFU4R8/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1



Donate Volunteer Time and Skills

- 1-2 hrs. a week for 6 weeks (Mondays 2-3pm and/or Wednesdays 10:15-11:15am. 1 hr. training and background check are required with option to renew per your convenience)
- Basic knitting skills
- Basic sewing skills (done at home)
- Tying skills for blankets and leashes
- Basic wood construction
- Organization skills for inventory management
- Bargain shopping skills and transportation for delivery of donations
- Project assistance for residents



**If your church or organization can distribute our products to people and/or pets in
need, please let us know and we will add you to our distribution list.
Donated items can be dropped off at Josephine (9901 272nd Pl NW, Stanwood, WA 98292)
and volunteer inquiries can be forwarded to Rev. Eileen Burdick at
eburdick@josephinecc.com**

CHANGE TO LUTHERAN LIVING MAGAZINE



Dear reader

As you have likely read in the March issue of *Living Lutheran*, the magazine will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. This does not mean, however, that we will stop telling stories of this church when the print magazine ends. Throughout the past several years, LivingLutheran.org has been the magazine's online platform, and we are excited about the ways in which we can enhance how you are able to experience the stories and lives of Lutherans throughout the ELCA as we transition to a fully online approach. You will start to see us employing these ways throughout the year, with videos, audio stories and more. This transition will also include a more robust social media presence and more opportunities for user-generated content with the potential for greater engagement from you, our most loyal readers.

The ELCA and its predecessor church bodies have been printing periodicals since 1831, when *The Lutheran Observer* began. Spreading the gospel and sharing the stories of our church have always been at the foundation of who we are as Christians and Lutherans. As many of you probably know, the cost of printing a magazine—including paper, ink and postage prices—has steadily increased, especially during the pandemic, making it difficult to financially support a print edition. Being good stewards of the generous support given to the church is of the utmost importance to our team. While we will no longer print a magazine each month, the sharing and spreading of the good news continues every day.

By focusing on creating more online content and new channels for distribution, we will have more flexibility and options for how we tell the stories of this church. Storytelling will still be at the core of this work. We understand there are a lot of questions regarding your subscription, how the ELCA will reach readers who don't rely on the internet for information and how we will assist those who use *Living Lutheran* for church resources and group discussions. We are still working out answers to those questions and will provide them as soon as possible.

We are excited about what is ahead for the ministry of *Living Lutheran* and the future possibilities of reaching even more people about the great work people are doing in God's name.

In Christ,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

5th John & Linda Leque
7th Pastor Scott & Lisa Brents
12th Martin & Elizabeth Paul
23rd Ruth & Carl Gabrielson
25th Rick Skiba & Lori Osburn
30th Elvin & Pat Major

Birthdays

1st Thea Hanna	9th Ruth Gabrielson
3rd Dave Weir	21st Mike Swain
6th Tyler Camp	27th Lisa Teichgrab
9th Valerie Rifner	30th Avery Yee
9th Chase Osburn	31st Cookie Frey

* 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.**

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8am AA 10:30am AI-Anon
2 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm AI-Anon	3 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 10am Staff Meeting 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	4 4th of July 5pm Girl Scouts <i>Office Closed</i>	5 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanc- tuary	6 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott	7 6:30pm AA	8 8am AA 10:30am AI-Anon
9 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm AI-Anon	10 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts	11 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Steward- ship and Finance	12 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanc- tuary	13 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 12:30pm Wom- en's Bible Study	14 6:30pm AA	15 8am AA 10:30am AI-Anon
16 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm AI-Anon	17 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	18 5pm Girl Scouts	19 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanc- tuary	20 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 7pm Council Meeting	21 6:30pm AA	22 8am AA 10:30am AA Busi- ness Meeting 10:30am AI-Anon
23 10am In Person Worship Service 5pm AI-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm AI-Anon	24 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	25 5pm Girl Scouts	26 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	27 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew	28 6:30pm AA	29 8am AA 10:30am AI-Anon
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