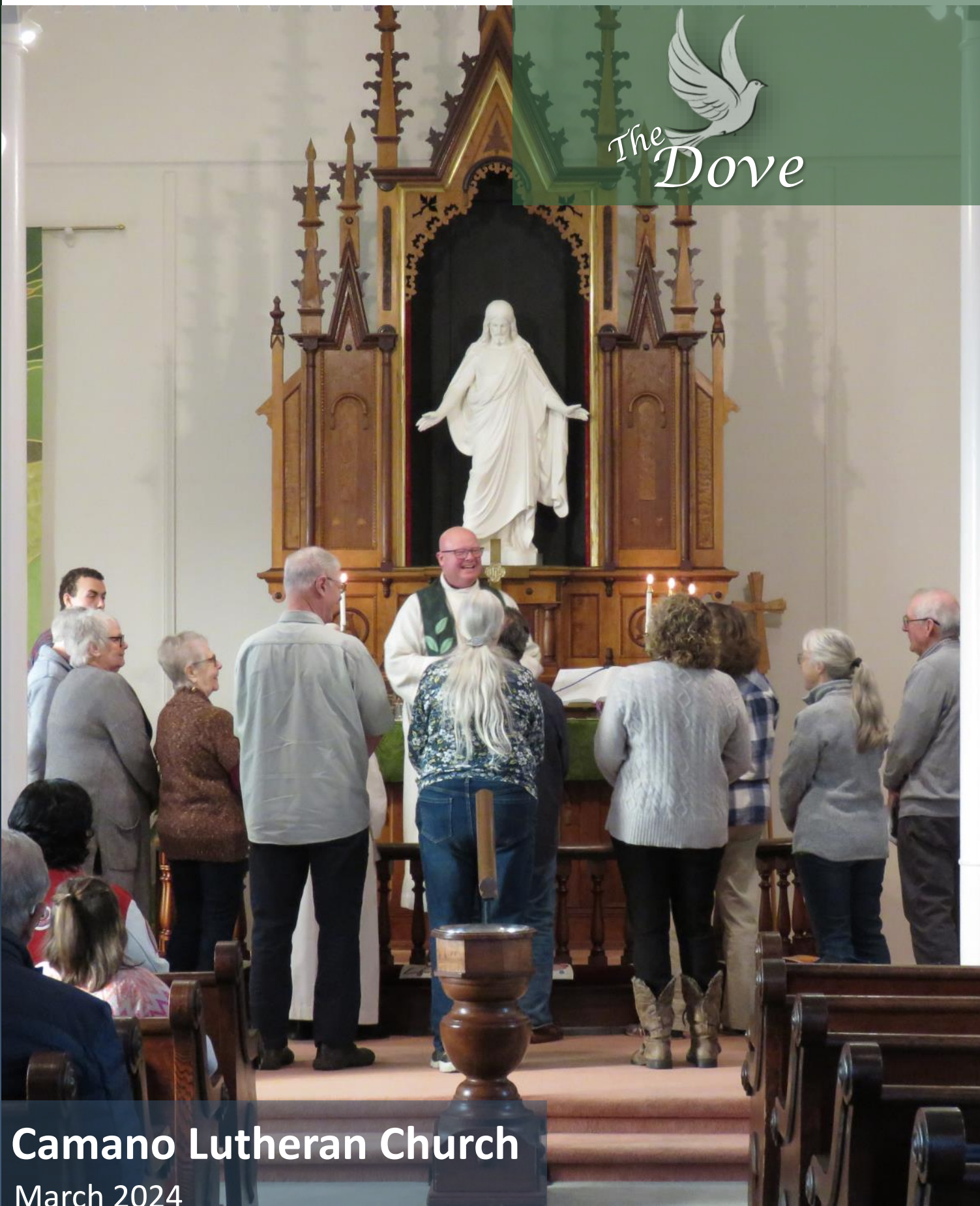




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Camano Lutheran Church

March 2024

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Reflections with Pastor Scott



Intentional The Journey of Lent and Repentance

One of the major themes of lent is repentance. For those who have been in the church a long time, this is an all too familiar term. In fact, so familiar we may shrug it off quickly. "Yeah, I know what it means." Well, a recent article I read and a devotion I listened to reminded me I needed a refresher, perhaps you can use one too.

In an article titled "What Does Repentance Mean" on ASK the UMC I read the following. "The biblical meaning of the Hebrew word to repent, shuv, is "to turn and go a different direction." In Greek, this term was rendered metanoia, meaning "to change ones mindset." The selection of this verb in Greek revealed A fundamental difference between Hebrew and Greek culture and language. For the ancient Hebrews life was experienced and filtered primarily through the actions and senses of the body. In Greek culture and language, life was experienced and filtered primarily through the perceptions of the mind. The Greek understanding of "changing ones mindset" was parallel to the Hebrew idea of a physical "turning." Both convey what today we might speak of as making a 180. You were heading One Direction. Now You are heading another.

It's important to get this concept right, important enough that the first words of Martin Luther's 95 theses, what many would consider the first "trumpet blast" of the Protestant Reformation, are about repentance. Why? Because many Latin translations had used poenitentiam agree, penance, and its root, poena, punishment. The Latin translation suggested that repentance was about carrying out the requirements of the punishment earned because you had send and showing that you were serious about accepting the responsibility to make things right.

Not so, said Luther. The call to repent wasn't simply to mend what you broke or endure some punishment because you broke it. Luther's reading was much closer to the Greek - an "inward repentance," a "change of mindset" that should result in a change in behavior. For Luther, repentance is fundamentally about turning back to God."

This idea of repentance being about punishment is how I most often heard reopentance described by those around me in the church. It was about being punished for something. In fact, the above mentioned Latin translation of punishment seems to fit various groups in the larger church that use the term repentance to try to "scare the hell" out of somebody. The point out others are being punished or will be punished if they don't repent. It's what you often see of the people at an event with bull horns and signs proclaiming,

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“Repent or God will [punish you!]”. I think this way of addressing repentance often does more harm than good.

In a recent devotion by Professor Esau McCauley, he pointed out how most of the time Jesus shows who God is through words and actions of love, mercy and forgiveness and then repentance happens for receiver of this gift. Doesn't that make sense? If we're just screaming, “Repent!”, a person might ask, “from what and turn to who or what?”

When one sees the fullness of love lived out as it is in Jesus, we see again and again in scripture that people then “repent,” turn toward God and make that change of mindset. Think about Zacchaeus or the woman caught in adultery or the father whose daughter was made well.

So, for us as a church we are called back to the gospel as a way to see the love of God, which can literally move us towards repentance and transform us in such a way that we move in a new direction. A direction that bears the light of Christ and brings healing and life not only to ourselves. but to all who experience the love of Christ.

Continuing the journey of Faith with you,

Pastor Scott



The Bishop's Article from the March 2024 Edition of The Spirit



From the Bishop:

During the cold snap in January, I realized that the hummingbird food had frozen again. I went outside to replace it and noticed a hummingbird just sitting, seemingly frozen, perched on one of the little prongs of the feeder. Now, usually the hummingbirds I feed are fierce. They swirl around my head demanding new syrup and for me to move out of their way. They exert a force that, if bigger, would be scary. But this one did nothing as I moved closer.

I stood there. Not sure what to do. Do I shoo it away? Do I simply hope it moves when I reach out? Do I come back later hoping this bird is still alive?

As in most things we do these days, I decided to research online. According to the website Science, hummingbirds may appear “frozen” on a feeder, but they're using torpor to conserve energy. This article urges one to not disturb them as this is a natural behavior and allows them to save their energy.

With this, I decided to wait until the hummingbird flew off before replacing the feeder with fresh syrup (which happened about a half hour later).

So why tell you this small story of hummingbirds and me? I think there is some overlap between energy and torpor and what this all might mean for us as church together.

While not a perfect analogy, sometimes we can act like hummingbirds swirling and swooping, using lots of energy to do things. Sometimes we think that if we aren't doing activities, or if other people aren't doing activities, then we are failing as a church. It reminds me of a pastor saying to me at an event

for Rostered Ministers, “Bishop, I feel that I have to attend everything that is planned. But, may I ask, is everything planned necessary?”

Perhaps we use energy up when it is not necessary. Perhaps, like the hummingbird, we also need a time of torpor. Perhaps we need a “time out” time or a reflection time or a meditative time or just a time to inhale and exhale without worrying about the next event or program or activity. As theologian Richard Rohr puts it when describing centering prayer, “Prayer is simply sitting in silence, open to God's love and your love for God. This prayer is beyond thoughts, emotions, or sensations.”

Dear Beloveds in Christ, Lent is here. As we plan and attend the meaningful worship and fellowship that we all love during the season of Lent, I pray that in worship and in other ways you can find the space and openness to embrace the wonder of the Spirit.

For we can learn from hummingbirds – not that we are to eat one and a half to three times our body weight every day like a hummingbird – but instead, we are called to have a flow between busyness and stillness, action and reflection, hustling and torpor, acts and prayer.

I pray that as we follow Jesus, as we live in Jesus' love, as we contemplate his words and actions, we may do the same.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. Mark 1:35

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Spending Guidelines Snapshot

thru 1/31

	Jan 2024		YTD
General Offerings Received	\$ 25,393.25	\$	25,393.25
Directed Funds	\$ -	\$	-
Building Use	\$ 621.62	\$	621.62
Interest - General Operating Fund	\$ 113.73	\$	113.73
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	\$ 580.00	\$	580.00
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	\$ 250.00	\$	250.00
Total Income	\$ 26,958.60	\$	26,958.60
Budgeted Expenses Paid	\$ 23,512.97	\$	23,512.97
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	\$ 1,009.00	\$	1,009.00
Total Expenses	\$ 24,521.97	\$	24,521.97
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 2,436.63	\$	2,436.63

Sunday Scripture Lessons for March 2024

March 3rd: Third Sunday in Lent

- Exodus 20:1-17
 - Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 - John 2:13-22

March 10th: Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- John 3:14-21

March 17th: Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 51:1-12
- Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

March 24th: Palm Sunday

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Mark 14:1--15:47

March 31st: Easter

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 - Mark 16:1-8



ELCA

World Hunger

BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

March 2024

ELCA World Hunger

The ELCA World Hunger program has been one of our favorite benevolences here at Camano Lutheran Church. Can you believe we have been at it for 50 years!

American Lutherans began tackling the problem of world hunger in 1974. The ELCA has received an average of \$20 million in donations to World Hunger for each of the past six years. We have been a part of this!

Our money has supported not only direct supplies of food, but agricultural programs so that people can feed themselves, as well as water and sanitation projects, health care and disease prevention, education and training, and microloans and income-generating activities.

ELCA World Hunger works through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, to reach more places more effectively than we could ever do alone.

Through ELCA World Hunger we are making a difference in our world.



LENTEN MIDWEEKS, SPECIAL OFFERINGS AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Greetings and warmest blessings as we shake off the vestiges of dreary winter and anticipate the flowers and clear blue skies that herald spring and warmer temperatures.

The 40 days that follow Ash Wednesday, Lent – a time of repentance. How do you observe Lent? Church tenets tell us there are 3 pillars of Lent; prayer, fasting and giving.

Prayer.....becoming attuned to God’s voice, seeking forgiveness and growing closer to Him. *“Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him”*
St. Augustine

Fasting..... self-denial; to repent; to open our hearts to the Lord; to pray for specific intentions. Fasting is an incredible form of prayer. Fast to give the Lord access to your heart. We should not fast simply because it’s “the thing to do”. Pray that the Lord move your heart to fast out of love for Him and a desire to grow closer to Him. Fast to repent, to turn away from sin. Fasting cannot make up for our sin, rather it shows our sorrow and offers a small reparation for our offense against God. When fasting we discipline our bodies and train our minds to obey God's will. Fasting becomes an act of worship where we turn away from temptation and toward God. When fasting from things, it removes clutter from our day, lives and schedules, freeing up time and space, physically, mentally and spiritually to focus on Christ and allowing Him to take up more room in our lives and a greater presence in our hearts.

Almsgiving.....Almsgiving is the act of donating money or goods to the poor or performing other acts of charity. More than simply giving money, it becomes an act of love that can deepen our prayer life and bring a greater sense of meaning to fasting. It is an outward sign of Christian love for others generally involving some type of sacrifice on behalf of the giver in order to provide for the needs of the other. In doing this, bonds of community are formed. The roots of the word “alms” can be found in ancient Latin and Greek words meaning mercy and pity. The root of the word “charity” comes from the Latin “caritas,” meaning love. It can deepen our prayer as we are brought into contact with our brothers and sisters who live in poverty and give us a greater understanding of what it means to go without while fasting.

It can also prompt important questions: Do I really need this? Am I consuming too much? Almsgiving provides us with a human connection and the opportunity to see the impact that works of charity can have on others.

****the above is a condensed/paraphrased version of Lent taken from Divine Word Missionaries svdmissions.org*

To uphold and support your own personal Lenten journey, the community of Camano Lutheran Church provides the following information:

Schedule for Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer; Soup Suppers and Holy Week

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

March 6 – Soup supper (6:00 pm) – Lectio Divina & Manna for Life (7:00 pm)

Note: daylight savings time change is March 10; will be light during 7 pm midweeks

March 13 -- Soup Supper (6:00 pm)- Holden Evening Prayer (7:00 pm)

March 20 -- Soup Supper (6:00 pm) - Holden Evening Prayer (7:00 pm)

Holy Week Evening Services 7:00 pm

March 28 - Camano Lutheran Church, Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm

March 29 - Peace Lutheran Silvana, Cluster Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm

March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY - Camano Lutheran Church -- 10:00 am

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LENTEN MIDWEEKS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Offerings from the mid-week services and those offerings which are placed in the *envelope designated special Easter offering will go to:*

Lutheran Disaster Response - Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they remain to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Internationally: Eastern Europe Crisis Response; Horn of Africa Drought; Middle East Crisis; Middle East & Europe Refugee Crisis; South Sudan Relief; AMMPARO: Protecting Migrants

Domestic: Flooding; Hurricanes; Severe Storms; Tornadoes; Wildfires

May your Lenten journey be a time of reflection, repentance and renewal, lightened by the knowledge that rejoicing is at the end of the journey.

Your Fellow Disciples in Christ,
Camano Lutheran Church Council

A NOTE FROM THE PROPERTY TEAM

Last fall the Church Council approved a contract with a painting firm to paint the outside of Pioneer Hall and the north wall of the historic sanctuary. This project is clearly necessary as evidenced by the old paint flaking off the walls of both buildings. The bid for this project was about \$14,000 which would spend half of what is available in Camano Lutheran's building maintenance fund. Site preparation to deal with the trees and shrubs close to the building could add additional expenses.

This is not the only project needing to be done to preserve our buildings. The exterior of the childcare building needs painting as do the east wall and steeple of the historic sanctuary. The soffits of the multipurpose/preschool building need to be replaced and painted. These projects fall within our team's commitment to stewardship: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to our care.

CLC's building maintenance fund currently has \$28,054. These funds are used for all maintenance and repairs. Last year \$8,700 was spent on maintenance with the largest portion used to fix the multipurpose room heat pumps. Future emergency needs could be costly, especially if the heat pumps need to be replaced.

At this time, we are asking for **designated contributions** to the **CLC building maintenance fund**. This request is with the caution that individual gifts should not interfere with or replace regular giving; the mission of the church should always come first.

Jim Joyce
Dan Bauermeister

JANUARY 2024 PROPERTY TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Another month, another year, another significant contribution to our learning curve. Overall a light month with small tasks, however, we experienced one that had the potential to be much greater.

1. The Good News: During the frigid temperatures the heating systems worked great. The Bad News: Unfortunately, the faucets servicing the kitchen triple sinks along the windowed south wall, and those in the Pre-School classrooms, froze solid. After many hours of heat in the kitchen, along with some encouraging words, drips finally appeared. Then slowly, ever so slowly, water began to flow. Eventually all worked properly, and more importantly, no broken or leaky pipes were discovered.
2. Descaled the kitchen dishwasher.
3. Reset popped circuit breaker for the lights on the large Advent candles.
4. Stored the Christmas decorations that were taken down in the Fellowship Hall. Sadly, that beautiful tree is now resting on the burn pile.
5. Monitored the satisfactory inspection of the septic tanks. A pumping will be necessary in the fall.
6. Cut down and removed a courtyard tree that had fallen onto the gutter and side of Pioneer Hall near the entrance. The impact against the building was lessened when the tree first struck, and rested against, the small angel between it and the landscaping rocks. No damage to the angel, no damage to Pioneer Hall.
7. Several large branches brushing the sides of Pioneer Hall were cut down to provide space for the painters in the spring.

For those who might experience football withdrawals after the Super Bowl, and possibly looking for something worthwhile to do, we might have a challenging project, hopefully in late February-early March timeframe, that would require your assistance.

If I missed a someone, or have the wrong email address, please let me know. Thanks.

Take care, and don't forget that special day for the ladies is just around the corner.

Jim



2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



The 2024 Scholarship Application for CLC's High School Graduating Seniors and College Students is now available. Applications can be found on the church website or can be picked up in the church office. Application Deadline is Monday, April 15th, 2024.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



Camano Lutheran Preschool Registration is open for the 2024-25 school year. If you know of any Preschool families looking for an opening, please have them contact Carol Lawrence, the Preschool Director, at 360.629.0185.

COUNCIL INSTALLATION AND ANNUAL MEETING



CHILDCARE CORNER FEBRUARY 2024

February has been a busy month for childcare. The teachers treated all the children with a Valentines Party and many crafts to share with their parents. Some of the crafts are hanging up in the classrooms and hallway if you would like to see them.

The preschool teacher has been implementing a curriculum to help her students prepare for furthering their education. They enjoy learning about math, language arts, science, colors, shapes, social/emotional growth, and large motor play outside. Ms. Ataya has improved the climate in her classroom greatly. Great Job!!

Ms. Carolyn implements her lessons based on meeting her children where they are and helping them improve their skills. They are busy learning through play. She does a great job of teaching and helping her little ones grow. Nice Work!

Ms. Amber is our toddler teacher. Her focus is on helping her "littles" learn how to play alongside each other. She does a fabulous job with bringing in art, reading, playing one-on-one with each of her "littles", provides time for them to do large motor play, as well as loving them. Fabulous Work!!

Looking forward to March, the school age group will have three early release days at the end of the month. They will be with us each afternoon.

We are still in the process of meeting state standards to install a fire alarm system throughout the church. A great thank you to all involved in this endeavor.

Camano Lutheran Childcare has room for more children. If you know of anyone who may need care, please have them reach out to us. Our phone number is (360) 629-2253. They can also email us at childcare@camanolutheranchurch.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings to you all,
Deanna Glenn

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES NEEDED



For a number of years, I have heard a common refrain, "We need more mental health resources for the Stanwood-Camano Area. Two years ago, I was directed to begin an effort to address this need.

We now have a board of directors, our 501(c)3, a mission statement, a name, an administrative foundation to open for operation and some plans on how to get started. Our name is Healing Connections Center.

The reason for this article is that our opening event will be at the SCAF office 26911 98th Drive NW, Stanwood on Thursday, March 14 from 4:30 to 6:30. We are inviting people from the community to learn more about what we are wanting to do as well as to invite people to volunteer time to support this effort.

The name of the event is "March Mindfulness". I hope that you will consider joining us.

Paul Shoup, Board Chair

thank you

THANK YOU

You changed lives in 2023!

Thank you for walking alongside those seeking health, justice and hope through your support of Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Happy New Year!

Dear Pastor Scott + Friends,
Thank you for your congregation's generosity in 2023. We are grateful for your collective commitment to serve. Blessings in 2024!
Many thanks, Kelly
Kelly McDonald
Regional Advancement Manager
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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF *Thank You!*

January 16, 2024

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$63.00 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA. I'd like to share a story with you about how your support makes a real difference.

Deysi Milagros Canales Machuca was in elementary school when Lutheran World Relief staff met her, and she was scrawny and hungry. Her village in Peru was experiencing famine and a two-year drought, and her family was surviving on the one variety of potato they could get to grow.

But you changed everything. Your kind generosity delivered seeds, tools and mentorship for Deysi's village. They learned how to grow a variety of foods that are well-suited to their unique mountain climate, and they were able to expand their livestock herds. Because of you, Deysi is now a thriving, healthy adult with a baby of her own, and she is studying to be a nurse so she can take care of her community. Today, Deysi has hope.

Thank you for your generosity! When you love your neighbors, it transforms their lives. We are proud to be your hands and feet out in the world... until your love reaches every neighbor.

Warm Regards,

Daniel V. Speckhard
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 lwria@lwr.org.

Please retain this letter for tax purposes

Phil and Linda Rifner would like to express their sincerest Thank you's for all of the calls and notes on the passing of Phil's sister.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

February 1, 2024

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

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,763.50 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, bibles and blankets, you equip God's people - around the world and around the corner - with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,
Rachel Wind
Rachel Wind
Executive for Development

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your official receipt.

the CARING PLACE
Building Hope by Clothing our Community

THANK YOU

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CARING PLACE MINISTRY. WE APPRECIATE HAVING MEMBERS OF YOUR CONGREGATION ATTEND THE RECENT BROAD JEWELRY CONCERT AT OSU.

THIS BENEFIT CONCERT WAS ATTENDED BY 174 GUESTS AND RAISED OVER \$8,000 FOR THE CARING PLACE!

BLESSINGS
the CARING PLACE TEAM



February 10, 2023

Dear Beloveds in Christ, *ax Camano Lutheran*

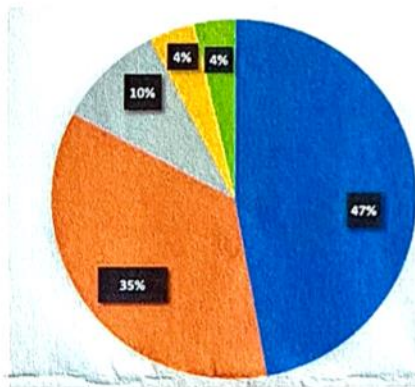
Grace and Peace to you.

This year's theme for NWWA Synod Assembly *I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.* Truly, our help comes from the One who created not only the whole universe but each one of us and who continues to walk with, journey with, hold and love each one of us. What amazing good news.

Because of God's help, we are able to live into what God's Holy Spirit is calling us to do and to be – locally and throughout the world. Because of God's help, we are able to talk about difficult issues, engage in joys and sorrows, begin new ministries and grieve the loss of others. Because of God's help, we can be together in worship, education, community engagement and more. Because of God's help, we are able to be generous and supportive of one another.

I am so grateful that because of your faithfulness, vision, and generosity, we are able – through congregations, synods, and churchwide – to love, engage, and share Jesus with people locally and throughout the world. I thank you for your partnership, your mission support, and your dedication to sharing and living the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please see the chart below for how your Mission Support is distributed in the Synod and wider church:



- ELCA Churchwide: 47%**
This includes ELCA World Hunger, Missionary support, and more
- Compensation and Benefits: 35%**
Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW)
Church Council of Greater Seattle
ELCA Seminaries (Luther and PLTS)
Lutheran Campus Ministries (UW, WWU)
Faith Action Network Advocacy
Neighbors in Faith
Real Rent (Duwamish)
Racial and Economic Equity
- Travel & Administrative: 4%**
Shared Missions: 4%
Region 1 Center for Mission
Consultation to Clergy

I thank you for our ministry together. May we always trust in God's help as we journey forward together.

In Christ's Abundant Joy,

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Thank you for your 2023 mission support of \$7,356. We are especially thankful for your increase from last year. Thank you! We are so glad to partner with you in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Bishop Shelley

SAFE HARBOR CLINIC UPDATE

Our current prayer requests...

If you are interested in receiving our once-a-month prayer email, please contact Sandy Solis at executivedirector@safeharborfreeclinic.org and request to be added to our mailing list.

* * *

- ♦ God has been faithful to provide new volunteers, including two who volunteered even before we knew there was going to be a need! He is so good to us!!
- ♦ Continue to pray for God's provision of volunteers in areas of need.
- ♦ Ask for God's guidance as the staff looks ahead and plans for events and opportunities in the coming year.

2023 in Review

1242 total patient visits
 298 new patients
 173 Patient visits at Smokey Point
 37 Women's Care patients seen
 108 Chronic Care patient visits
 38 Podiatry and foot care visits
 8 Cardiology visits
 13 Respiratory visits
 57 Physical Therapy visits
 25 Ultrasounds performed
 &
 122 volunteers donating
 3756 hours of their precious time



JANUARY - 2024

from the Executive Director

Welcome to 2024! It feels so futuristic to say that number because I remember so many things from the 70s and 80s that predicted what this time in history could be like. I remember Star Trek and their "Communicator" device that looks just like today's flip phones and "Replicators" that could print 3D food. Now we have 3D printing that creates objects out of metal, plastic and glass. All of this really has little to do with Safe Harbor Free Clinic, however I spent time thinking how dreams of what could be in the future can actually become a reality.

In the past year, we have seen a 20% increase in new patients, some of whom are new to our country and have no alternative for their healthcare needs. Many have chronic conditions that require treatment and monitoring. Lack of ability to afford proper healthcare causes many people to live with their damaging health conditions instead of seeking treatment.

This is where Safe Harbor fills the gap. Each of the 1242 patient visits last year represent an individual who likely would have gone untreated were it not for Safe Harbor Free Clinic. We offer them the opportunity to improve their health, to see healing in their lives, and to live in a healthier way as they settle into a new culture.

We have so many testimonials on how God has used Safe Harbor to speak into the lives of our patients, how He has moved through our staff and volunteers to bring hope and healing to those who are hurting. We look to the year ahead of us and pray that we will continue to serve others well in all that we do.

Thank you for being such a generous part of this by supporting the mission of Safe Harbor to show Christ's love by providing free healthcare to those in need.

Sandy Solis
 Executive Director

What we've been up to...

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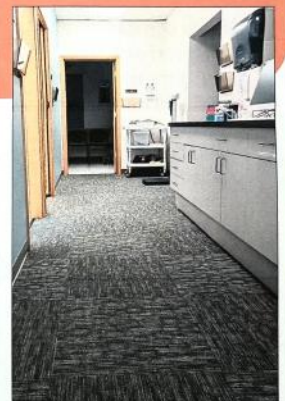


The clinic side was packed in every available space with admin furniture, files, and boxes of important 'stuff'.

Though, all the staff has appreciated the chance to go through everything and toss what is no longer needed.

The week after Christmas we replaced the old carpet on the clinic side and then cleared all the items from the Administrative side to do the same in early January.

AFTER



OUR FALL FUNDRAISER = BARBERSHOP AMERICANA =



Festivities included wonderful barbershop music with a mix of old and new songs, a delicious barbecue dinner, and a mouth-watering dessert buffet! There was popcorn, Dad's Root Beer, and old-timey candies we all grew up on, as well as heartwarming SHFC stories from a patient and volunteers. And did we mention the swag...lots of swag!!

We held our 2023 Fall Fundraiser on October 7th at Smokey Point Community Church, the site of our SHFC satellite location.



Watch for information about our 2024 15th Anniversary Celebration coming this fall.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

3 rd Jaye Cory	21 st Joan Bauermeister
5 th Calvin Hendrickson	27 th Fred Trolio
5 th Gretchen Pigott	30 th Connie Hall
5 th Pat Thorsen	30 th Anne Marie Dorsey
6 th Brandon Honold	
8 th Mallory Larsen	
8 th Linda Leque	

Anniversaries

19th Brandon & Angel Honold
21st Ed & Donna Crow
25th Steve & Thea Hanna
29th Robert & Carolyn Hovey

* 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: Pat and Steve Thorsen, Pastor Lori Cornell, Dave Perkins, Don, Alexis, 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: Bob Thomas, who recent passed away and Joan Vogue as they mourn her loss.



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.**

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30pm AA	2 8am AA 10:30am AI-Anon
					3 10am In Person Worship Service 11:15am Adult Education 6pm AI-Anon	4 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts
10 10am In Person Worship Service 11:15am Adult Education 6pm AI-Anon	11 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 4pm Stewardship and Finance 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	12 5pm Girl Scouts	13 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanc- tuary 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Even- ing Prayer	14 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 12:30pm Wom- en's Bible Study	15 6:30pm AA	16 8am AA 10:30am AI-Anon
17 10am In Person Worship Service 11:15am Adult Education 6pm AI-Anon	18 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	19 5pm Girl Scouts	20 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanc- tuary 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Even- ing Prayer	21 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 7pm Council Meeting	22 6:30pm AA	23 8am AA 10:30am AA Busi- ness Meeting 10:30am AI-Anon
24 Palm Sunday 10am In Person Worship Service 11:15am Adult Education 5pm AI-Anon (Business Meeting)	25 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	26 5pm Girl Scouts	27 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	28 Maundy Thursday 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 Good Friday 6:30pm AA 7pm Good Friday Service, Peace Lutheran, Silvana	30 8am AA 10:30am AI-Anon
31 Easter 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Monthly Coffee Hour Cele- bration 6pm AI-Anon						



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