



Camano Lutheran Church

May 2026

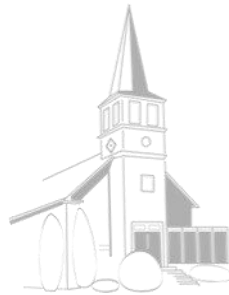


Camano Lutheran Dove

The Dove is Camano Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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What is a Ministry Sabbatical?



Part 2 of Pastor Scott's Sabbatical Articles

A ministry sabbatical is a period of time, usually three months, when ministry leaders and congregation set aside the leader's normal responsibilities for the purpose of rest and renewal toward sustained excellence in ministry. It is NOT an extended vacation, nor is it an academic sabbatical that normally involves extensive study. A ministry sabbatical is a release from the routine of the call for the physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of the ministry leader.

The Biblical Perspective

The word sabbatical is drawn from the word Sabbath. The Hebrew word for Sabbath means to 'close' or 'rest' and is connected with the last day of Creation when God rested. (Genesis 2:3) God both models and commands Sabbath rest for his people.

Jesus affirmed the importance of rest saying, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27-28) The Biblical example of Jesus' own frequent withdrawal to a quiet place to meditate, pray and be renewed is a model for all pastors, the under shepherds chosen by God to lead His church. In Jesus' ministry, the constant demands of people led him to step away on a regular basis. See also: Genesis 1 and 2; Exodus 20:8-11, 23:10-12; Leviticus 25:1-7 (Sabbatical Year), 24:8-25 (Year of Jubilee); Psalm 23; and Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Why is a Sabbatical Important

Roy M. Oswald, a senior consultant with the Alban Institute, suggests that the rapid change and complexity of congregational life and ministry raises the need for three months of sabbatical rest and renewal every four to seven years. He believes that 20% to 30% of ministry leaders he speaks to are in a state of severe burnout. Another 20% of the same audience is on the way to severe burnout.

The Lilly Foundation who provided us a \$38,000 grant for the first sabbatical talks about sabbatical in this way. What are the Clergy Renewal Programs?

The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary support Christian congregations by providing an opportunity for pastors to step away briefly from the demands of daily parish life and discover what will make their hearts sing through well-planned purposeful activities. Renewal leaves are not vacations; rather they allow for times of intentional exploration, reflection, and regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry. Renewal leaves can take many forms as each congregation and pastor uniquely answer the question, "What will make your heart sing?"

Richard Bullock and Richard Bruesehoff suggest the following motivations for considering a ministry sabbatical:



- Continual spiritual growth facilitated by periods of rest and renewal is vital toward being an effective minister.
- Pastoral responsibilities are not contained within normal office hours and regularly involve weekends.
- Rapid changes in parish ministry can increase the likelihood of burnout without periods of rest and renewal.
- Burnout makes ministry and the minister, dull, hollow, and uninteresting.
- The congregation also needs the opportunity to examine their dependency on the ministry leader and consider expanding their own roles in the church as lay leaders.

The above reasons came from a study of Sabbatical from Wheat Ridge Ministries. Broom Tree Ministries would add to this one very important idea. Expectations of the American pastor are enormous and without extended contact with The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the assignment is hopeless at best. This pastoral role can only be accomplished, regardless of the size of the congregation, with the direction, inspiration, devotion and leading from God.

Prolonged periods of meeting the constant demands of the people without time to re-connect with the Lord forces the pastor to operate with only his skills and out of his own strengths, abandoning the supernatural, Holy Power from Heaven. This may last for a time, but the church that allows that to happen is settling for second best. A pastor leader who has spent time at Jesus' feet is prepared to lead with enthusiasm.

Next month will focus on the sabbatical Theme and questions you may have in regards to how things work during the sabbatical with pastor gone.

Continuing the journey together,

Pastor Scott



From the Bishop:

May 2026

I am so glad that the cherry trees and magnolia trees and dogwoods are blooming. I am ecstatic to see daffodils and tulips ... and to trust that the azaleas and rhododendrons are on the way. I can almost taste local strawberries ... ones with real flavor. And the promise of juicy tomatoes is getting closer. I can feel the dirt under my fingernails as I begin to plant in my small yard and garden. There is something both ancient and new, hopeful and earthy about planting a garden.

If you think about it, one of the first images we have in scripture is of a garden. God created humans and put them in a garden. And at the very end of the Bible, in Revelation 22, we hear a description of another beautiful garden – this one with a river flowing on and on, and the tree of life on either side, bearing fruit and offering healing for all nations. It is in our bones, our hearts, our souls to be in a garden – to be grounded in abundance. To be planted by the river of the water of life, flowing from the throne of God.

Still, we might look at our communities and this world and think, “There isn’t enough. There isn’t enough care. There is a lack of justice and empathy and hope.” We might look at our congregation and lament, “There aren’t enough resources. We have so little. What can we possibly do?” We might look at our own lives and wonder if we can make any difference at all.

But while we are holding to what little we think we have, God is busy growing and creating, bringing new life from what seemed dormant. Scripture reminds us again and again that we are planted in God’s abundant garden, even when we forget it. God provides water when we feel parched. God feeds us when we are hungry. God is ripening tomatoes right before our eyes – even as we complain about the pale and tasteless ones from the grocery store.

What a gift and promise this is – from the beginning of creation to today and into God’s future: God provides. Even when we doubt. Even when we hoard. Even when we grasp for more. God still provides. God provided clothing in the garden, manna in the desert, water from a rock, oil that didn’t run out. Jesus fed 5000, and Jesus appeared to Mary in a garden. What a generous and extravagant God.

We are truly planted in God’s abundance.

And with that promise, I invite you to come to the synod **gathering on May 30 for Life in God’s Garden: Seeds of Generosity**. (Learn more and get registered here: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/events/synodgathering/2026-05-30>) It will be a day of learning, community, encouragement, and imagining together how we live generously for the sake of the world. For we trust that through the Spirit, God plants. God waters. God brings life. And by grace, we get to be a part of it – as people rooted in God’s garden.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

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From the VEEP:

“A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.”
– Matthew 13:3-8, The Message

I am not good with plants. I have whatever the opposite of a green thumb is. Don’t get me wrong, I LIKE plants and I like the idea of growing a garden. I just cannot seem to keep plants alive. When I was still teaching, I often got plants from students and their families. I was always touched by their thoughtfulness. I loved the plants so much, I knew I had to give them to someone else to tend. Luckily, my mother and mother-in-law both have the right kind of thumb and so they would nurture those plants and I would get to go see and enjoy the plants in their new home.

All this is to say that I have no way to know whether this farmer is a good farmer or not. Is he careless in the way he scatters the seed? Is he wasteful? Should he have prepared the field better so there was more good soil? Maybe this is the best tactic – sow enough so that some of it will take hold and grow. Maybe sowing it where the birds will eat it and then spread the seeds farther away is intentional. I just don’t know. It does seem that the farmer is extravagant with his supply of seeds.

Perhaps God is a generous Sower because God doesn’t need a return. God is not a subsistence farmer. God is a god of abundance. The seeds are sown for the world’s benefit, not God’s own and God is willing to risk the seeds being eaten or withered because God knows there is always a chance that they may take root and grow.

This year the synod is sponsoring a gathering with the theme **Life in God’s Garden: Seeds of Generosity**. This gathering will feature worship, a keynote speaker, and 22 breakout sessions all around the theme of generosity. How can we be like the farmer in the story and sow our seeds and grow our ministry? Where and how can we best plant our seeds of time, talents, property, and financial resources? How do we prepare the soil to give these seeds the best chance of survival? We hope you will join us as we engage with these questions. For more information on the gathering: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/events/synod-gathering/2026-05-30>

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

- The policy review team met on April 7 to continue our revision of policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct by rostered leaders.
- Executive Committee met on April 9.
- The Synod Equity Team continued its work.

Kay Edgerton, Vice President of the NW Washington Synod

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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Spending Guidelines Snapshot

3/31/2026

	Mar-26	YTD
BUDGETED INCOME SOURCES Received		
General Offerings	25,902	70,717
Building Use Fees	360	965
Interest Earned - Unrestricted	72	989
Childcare Monthly Overhead Reimbursement	1,957	5,871
Total Income	28,291	78,542
BUDGETED EXPENSES Paid Out		
	24,209	75,528
BUDGETED BENEVOLENCES Paid Out		
	1,125	3,375
Total Expenses	25,334	78,903
Overage (Shortage)	2,957	(361)

Sunday Scripture Lessons for May 2026

May 3rd: 5th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- 1 Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

May 10th: 6th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

May 17th: 7th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 1:6-14
- Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
- 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

May 24th: Day of Pentecost

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
- John 20:19-23

May 31st: 1st Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 - Psalm 8
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Matthew 28:16-20

Palm Passion Sunday



Camano Lutheran Cemetery Price List 2026



CAMANO LUTHERAN CEMETERY PRICE LIST 2026

360. 629.4592'
850 Heichel Road, Camano Island, WA 98282

In-ground burial grave.....	\$1250
<i>Allows for one casket burial OR one casket burial and one cremation remains burial.</i>	
In-ground cremation grave.....	\$1250
<i>Allows for one or two cremation remains burial.</i>	
Extra Headstones:	\$600
Cremation, Niche Wall #1,2,3 (10 inch compartments).....	\$1050
<i>Allows for one or two cremation remains</i>	
Cremation, Niche Wall #4,5 (12 inch compartments).....	\$1250
<i>Allows for one or two cremation remains</i>	
Commemorative plaque, Niche Wall #2, 3 (back side).....	\$300
<i>No cremation remains</i>	



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

May 2026

Lutherwood is nestled in the evergreen trees along the north shore of Lake Samish, about 10 miles south of Bellingham. It was founded 79 years ago and has been running programs for campers of all ages on 103 acres of beautiful waterfront and forest land. It is the perfect place for summer camp opportunities, family camping, retreats all year round, family reunions, assembly meetings and various other gatherings.

A variety of programs are offered for kids, adults & families; including:

- Embers: Grades 1-3
- Explorers: Grades 3-5
- Pathfinders: Grades 6-9
- Leaders in Training: Grades 10-12
- Family Camps: For a night or a full week; camp in tents, RVs, or cabins
- Lake Samish Music Camp - This is an incredible opportunity for music students to participate in an inclusive, rigorous, and fun summer camp experience. Unfortunately this is already full but you can get on a waitlist.

Camp programs and activities include:

- * Boating – kayaks, canoes, paddleboards
- * Archery
- * High & low rope challenge courses
- * Zip-line
- * Hiking & swimming
- * Etcetera

Camperships are awarded to every camper who needs financial assistance to attend a week of camp, so they have a chance for a transformative camping experience. **This is financially possible because of Lutherwood's partnership with congregations.** Our support enables Lutherwood to continue to provide amazing programs.

For more information see: camplutherwood.org

Mission Statement: In partnership with western Washington Lutheran congregations, Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center is a year-round outdoor ministry, renewing all in the Holy Spirit through education, adventure, service, and prayer.

The Paschal candle

Why is the Big Candle in Front of the Church Lit at Certain Times and Moved?

The Paschal candle

Some of you may have noticed we moved the paschal candle near the pulpit area and light it during the Easter season. Below is a description of why we do that and some other information on the Paschal Candle itself. I hope this sharing can add to your worship experience and understanding of the Paschal candle and its role in our life of faith.

The Paschal Candle is one of the most powerful visual symbols in the church's life together. Lit from the new fire at the Easter Vigil (If you have an Easter vigil. If not, it is lit on easter Sunday), it represents the risen Christ— a visible reminder that we live in the light of Christ's victory over death. The light that no darkness can overcome (John 1:5). Often marked with a cross, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year, it proclaims that Christ is the beginning and the end, present with us here and now.

The candle's primary place is near the baptismal font, reminding us that through baptism we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. Sometimes churches place Paschal candles near the lectern as well. During the Easter season, however, it is often moved to a prominent place in the chancel—frequently near the pulpit—emphasizing the living presence of Christ in the Word proclaimed and in the gathered community.

The Paschal Candle also plays an important role at baptisms and funerals. At baptisms, it is lit as a sign that the newly baptized has been brought into the light of Christ. At funerals, it stands near the casket or urn, bearing witness to the promise that, just as Christ was raised, so too are we raised to new life.

Traditionally, the Paschal Candle is extinguished on Ascension Day, recalling Christ's ascension and the end of his visible earthly presence. Yet this is not an ending of Christ's light, but a transition—his presence now carried into the world through the Church.

Throughout the year, whenever the Paschal Candle is lit, it quietly proclaims the heart of our faith: Christ is risen, and his light still shines among us.

The worship and music ministry team



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Ways to RSVP

RSVP on our website at
safeharborfreeclinic.org

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Scan the QR Code with
your phone's camera

or

Call us at (425)870-7384



ELCA Good Gifts 2025

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Thank you for your support for [ELCA Good Gifts](#) in 2025! Your generosity helps to grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. **Here are just a few lives that you have touched:**

When Nour, a Sudanese refugee in Cairo, started preschool, she had difficulty concentrating in class. Her mother, Amal, talked with a health specialist and learned that her daughter had anemia and vitamin deficiencies.

Thanks to your gifts to ELCA Good Gifts, Amal and her family received food packages with extra vitamin supplements for Nour. Now, Nour is thriving in school, where she is engaged in her lessons and has more self-confidence.

In a remote village in Malawi, Mrs. Banda's 2-year-child developed a high fever and began having convulsions. The child needed to see a doctor, but the nearest hospital was miles away and Mrs. Banda had no way of getting there. Fortunately, a mobile health clinic, supported by your gifts, arrived in Mrs. Banda's community and provided her child with lifesaving treatment. **"When I see my child still alive today, I just give glory and honor to God."**

Pak Esli worked hard as a fisherman and logger in a village in Indonesia, yet it wasn't quite enough to fully support his family. **Because of your gifts, he was presented with a new livelihood opportunity: beekeeping.**

Pak participated in training courses where he learned how to grow his colonies and harvest the honey. Pak became the village's honey supplier, with other families buying and selling his product. What started with just a couple of hives grew to impact the entire village's economy, multiplying the effects of your generous support for ELCA Good Gifts.

A glimpse of the work made possible by your gifts in 2025:

🍽️ 8,907 meals were served at a food pantry in **California**

🐐 205 goats were cared for by young people trained in goat-rearing in **Zimbabwe**

8 farmers in **Cambodia** received training in climate-resilient farming practices.

📖 664 Daily Bread grant awarded to feeding ministries in the **United States**

🌍 68 long-term ELCA missionary households served around the world.

🥗 380 people accessed healthier foods at community kitchen programs in **Peru**.

💗 128 leaders in the **Middle East** received trauma counseling, enabling them to apply these skills in their communities.

Carls book group



The book group meets biweekly on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. The book groups first meeting was April 14th.

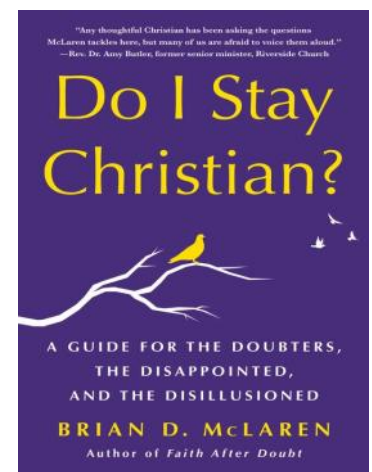
The book has three parts.

- Part I explores ten reasons for not staying Christian.
- Part II explores ten reasons for staying.
- Part III explores the question "How do I stay (or not)?"

McLaren shares many stories of his and others' experiences. And he is fair: he understands the decisions to be made are for each person to make themselves and he respects those decisions.

The church is in decline. The percentage of believers in the Christian faith gets few and fewer. There are many distortions of the good news of Jesus. Reading this book will help us understand what people around us are thinking and give us guidance as to how we should deal with what is going on. And maybe give us guidance for our own journey of faith into an uncertain future.

***Do I Stay Christian: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren is available at AMAZON: [Do I Stay Christian?](#) in many editions. Sno-isle Libraries has only a few copies.**



The Gathering Place

Save the Dates — Mark Your Calendar — Plan Ahead

Below are the 2026 dates for Camano Lutheran Church to prepare, cook and serve a meal at The Gathering Place ** Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stanwood.

Thursday, June 4 * Thursday, August 13 * Thursday, December 3

Meal prep begins @ 3:30, Doors open @ 4:30, Serving begins @ 5:00, Cleanup @ 6:00

It's not necessary for you to be present the entire time, but if you'd like to come and help please contact Susann E. Hendrickson 425-330-3702

Update on the collections for the Food Bank.

January: 80.9 pounds

February: 58 pounds

March: 164.5 pounds

Thank
you

The month of March Camano Lutheran Childcare had a Food Drive for the Food Bank. We would like to give a big thank you to staff, parents and children that participated in the Food Drive to help our neighbors in need.

Thank
you

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



**Grief
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!

April 2026 Notes From The Property Maintenance Team

The following tasks were accomplished during the past month:

Replaced defective doorstep for Kids Church room.

Replaced burnt out light at North Entrance.

Alpine inspected the Septic System, everything is okay

Contacted commercial appliance reps, discussed and showed our dishwasher with them, received initial bids for several replacement options. Awaiting final bids to present to Council.

Serviced riding mowers for the mowing season when April showers bring May flowers.

Your friendly property Management Team



Camano Lutheran Childcare



Play, Learn and Grow Together

Spring is in the air, and the children have been enjoying the warmer weather and more time outdoors. We're excited to begin preparing our garden space by rototilling the soil and planting seeds to grow our own produce. This hands-on activity provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about nature, responsibility, and where food comes from.

We are also introducing an exciting new experience, hatching chicks! An incubator will be set up in the childcare hall with chicken eggs. Around day 10, we will candle the eggs (shine a light through them) to observe which ones are developing. After approximately 21 days, we look forward to watching the baby chicks hatch. This will be a memorable and educational experience for the children as they witness the life cycle firsthand.

In addition to our monthly fire drill, we conducted a Shelter-in-Place drill in April. This type of drill prepares us for external emergencies such as severe weather, hazardous material situations, or security concerns. The children did an excellent job, and practicing these procedures helps ensure everyone knows what to expect in the event of a real emergency.

With Mother's Day approaching, the children have been busy creating special gifts to celebrate the mother figures in their lives.

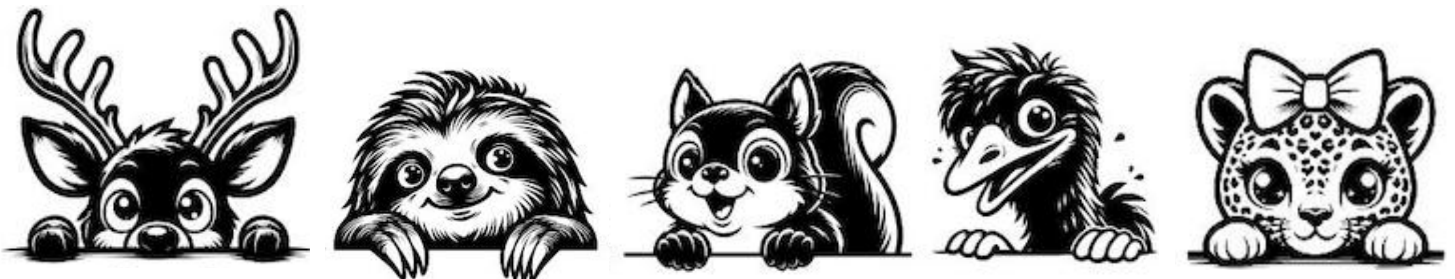
We will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Ashli French

Childcare Director

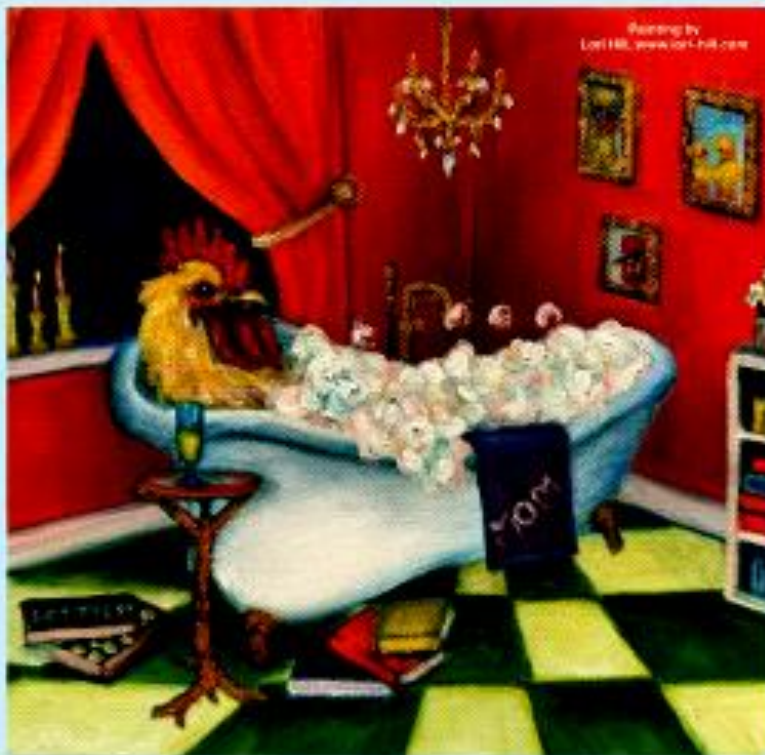
(360) 629-2253

childcare@camanolutheranchurch.org



Mother's Day Art Festival: Camano Island

May 10, 2025 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Stanwood-Camano Arts Festivals Presents:



May 9-11, 2025 | 10am - 5pm

19th Annual Mother's Day Art Festival

at Terry's Corner,
Camano Island

www.ArtsFestivals.org

Music by Marcia Kester

Face painting by Chalice Face Painting
Sat + Sun | 11am - 3pm

May 9, 10 & 11, 2025 | 10:00am – 5:00pm: Camano Commons

Experience vibrant music by Marcia Kester, delicious food, and spectacular art!

Face painting available Saturday and Sunday from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

Dear ,

Thank you for your generous donation! At Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center, your support means the world to us.

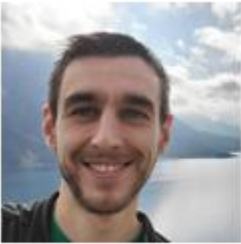
We cannot thank you enough for your thoughtful gift of \$130.00 received on 3/17/2026.

Lutherwood continues to be a place where God's love is made manifest as we live out our mission to "Experience GRACE in Creation." Your gift allows us to continue to build upon over 75 years of ministry, reaching out to Washington and beyond as a place to witness the Spirit at work.

We like to say Lutherwood is a glimpse of the big "C" Church: here we are united beyond our individual congregations into one group reflecting the Body of Christ we pray to be. By supporting Lutherwood, you are placing your faith and energy into the belief that the Church is better together.

Interested in sharing your camp story or finding out how you can become more involved at Lutherwood? I would love to connect with you!

In Christ,



Rev. Kevin Beebe

Executive Director

kevin.beebe@camplutherwood.org
360-734-7652



Thank
you!

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.

Easter Sunday Service





Safe.Harbor Free Clinic

Thank You



Dear Camano Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your donation of \$100 to Safe Harbor Free Clinic.

We are honored to serve in the Stanwood-Camano Island community by providing access to free healthcare for those in need. Having your support in this important mission means the world to us.

Thank you for impacting the lives of each person who comes to us for care.

Gratefully,
Safe Harbor Free Clinic



Health. Justice. Hope.



Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of \$75.00 on 03/18/2026 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
Lutheran Community Services Northwest



Thank You!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 20, 2026

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

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$35.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."
-John 1:16*

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

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. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Rachel Wind
Executive for Development

March 19, 2026

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$477.00. I am so grateful for your generous support of Lutheran World Relief! It is because of caring congregations like yours that Lutheran World Relief has been able to serve our hurting world for 80 years, and it is because of your compassion that our ministry together will continue helping children and families who need it most.

I pray that one day, our work together will no longer be needed. I pray that one day, all our neighbors near and far will live in a world free of poverty, injustice and suffering. Until that day, I am grateful to count on your church to answer the call to help people in their time of need. It is no exaggeration to say your generosity truly saves lives and makes a brighter future possible.

Our team loves hearing from you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 800 597 5972 or at congregations@lwr.org. You'll also find inspiring stories and videos to share with your church at lwr.org/congregations. And of course, please connect with us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates on your impact.

Yours always in Christ,

Daniel V. Speckhard

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Birthdays May

1st Frances Schlagel
1st Grace Dorsey
2nd Maci Larsen
7th David Mark
11th Daniel Bauermeister
13th RuthAnn Gilbertson
14th Mary Westerman
14th Sharon Gresli
14th Kevin Teichgrab
17th Merritt Baker
18th John Floyd
19th Max Reep
20th Allison Vogue
23rd Velda Holt
30th Laurin Vance

Anniversaries May

12th Ivan & Darlene Miller
22nd John Amell & Janet St. Clair

* 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., Amy Kuniholm, Kathy Walker, Bob, Irma Yee, Pat Thorsen, Posie Siebold, Brandon, Paul & Dorcy Nueman, Annie, the family of Neil Weir, Jeff, Jessica, Rachel, Jack & Kelley, the family of Carol Gillespie, Angela and her FEMA colleagues, Roz Johnston, Caden McQuarrie, Jim & Martha Schelle, Jane Salnick, Pam Larsen, Dave Weir, Bob & Dene Henderson, Dale Johnson

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

Military persons associated with Camano Lutheran or Specific Request:

Damien Weller, Dan Porter, 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

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30pm AA	2 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
3 10am In Person Worship Service 10am Kid's Church 6pm Al-Anon	4 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	5 5pm Girl Scouts	6 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	7 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 6pm Lit Lab	8 6:30pm AA	9 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
10 10am In Person Worship Service 10am Kid's Church 6pm Al-Anon	11 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	12 4 pm Steward- ship & Finance 5pm Girl Scouts 7pm Reading Group - Carl	13 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	14 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 12:30pm Wom- en's Bible Study	15 Dove Articles Due 6:30pm AA	16 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
17 10am In Person Worship Service 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	18 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Lay Confer- ence Leader meeting	19 5pm Girl Scouts	20 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	21 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 7pm Council Meeting	22 Pastor Scott out of office 6pm Boy Scouts Bazaar 6:30pm AA	23 Boy Scouts Bazaar Pastor Scott out of office 8am AA 9:45am AA Busi- ness Meeting 10:30am Al-Anon
24 10am In Person Worship Service Pastor Scott out of office 6pm Al-Anon	25 Office Closed - Memorial Day Pastor Scott out of office 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	26 5pm Girl Scouts 7pm Reading Group - Carl	27 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	28 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew	29 6:30pm AA	30 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
31 10am In Person Worship Service FOOD BANK 11am Monthly Coffee Hour Celebration 6pm Al-Anon						



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