



Camano Lutheran Church

April 2023

Camano Lutheran Dove

The Dove is Camano Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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Reflections with Pastor Scott

Favorite Bible Stories



During Lent I have been thinking about future sermon series possibilities and adult education classes. A couple of things I have noticed as of late is people mentioning favorite bible stories and their favorite music. That's had me thinking, "Why not do something around peoples favorite bible stories, passages or music." Another possibility, is there a certain bible story you have always struggled with or been unsure of its meaning?

So, I need your help. Let me know what your favorite bible story is or particular scripture passage you find meaningful. Or what bible story has left you puzzled? On top of that, what are some of your favorite hymns and songs, "church songs." You can let me know by sending me an email at psbclc2020@gmail.com or fill out the insert in the bulletin on Sunday and place it in the offering plate or give it directly to me after worship.

Thanks for your help on this. I look forward to learning what your favorites are and working with them as we learn and grow in these gems together.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,

Pastor Scott

A FEW OF MY
favorite things

The Bishop's Article from the April 2023 Edition of The Spirit



From the Bishop:

I recently learned that the largest glacier between Mt. Rainier and Glacier Peak is no more. The reporter actually said that the glacier had died. Died. Gone. For thousands of years, the Hinman Glacier lived in the Washington Cascades

providing much needed water to the Skykomish River. It is now gone.

A few months ago, my beloved dog, Gracie, died. She was thirteen. She was sick. It was time. But Gracie was with me through my cancer treatment, my children leaving home, my marriage ending, moving to a new city, beginning a new job, being in a new relationship ... and now she has died. She is now gone.

In this synod we recently had two churches close: Clearbrook Lutheran Church in Lynden and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Concrete. There are additional congregations who are discerning closure in this synod. All these congregations thrived in their communities for many years. Baptisms, weddings, funerals happened. People heard, shared, and lived into the good news of Jesus. And now these congregations have either decided, or are discerning, if their time lifecycle has come to an end.

All of these deaths are hard. They hurt my heart. There is grief and there is pain. And, while I might not know what you are grieving, I am sure that there is heartache in your life, too. Sometimes it seems that there is so much death. And sometimes it seems overwhelming. As Christians we might say, "But I thought we were promised immortality. I thought "death has lost its sting." Truthfully, it doesn't feel that way. Death is real. It hurts. Where is this resurrection and new life we are promised?"

Dr. Brian Bantum, professor and author, writes regarding human immortality: Our personhood, the body we speak of so confidently that was meant to live forever, is itself an arrangement of cells and tissues that are cycling through life and death. Our bodies are constantly undergoing changes, small transformations in our gradual development from infant to adult. Our bodies are no different and are connected to the cycles of life and death that are intrinsic to creation's

goodness. As Indigenous theologian Randy Woodley reminds us, 'Death is simply another part of living.' (*Christian Century, Did God intend for Adam and Eve to live forever?*, March 12, 2023)

On Ash Wednesday this year, I had a vision of God playing in the dirt. Kneeling down, mixing dirt into mud, molding and mixing, and forming each human. God – laughing and creating. God – loving and generating. I smiled at this sight. Later in the service, when I went forward to receive ashes in the shape of a cross upon my forehead, when I heard, "Dust to dust and ashes to ashes," I had a vision of God scooping each beloved human into God's arms at the end of their life. Holding the human turned dirt again. Loving and creating even more.

Dr. Bantum writes later in the same article, "Change, transformation, death, cycles of renewal and cessation—these are all part of God's creation. And this change is beautiful and good." Is it possible to move beyond the grief we feel when something ends and see the new life that might be coming?

Perhaps the glacier that died could be an impetus for us to take seriously the threat of climate change. I would hope so. I hope that the love my dog Gracie had for me will make me more loving towards others. In our synod, we are working with the closing congregations so that together we may begin new ministries and new ways of being church in this new day and age.

During this season of Lent – and into Holy Week and Easter – we know the truth of death. We know it in our bones. We acknowledge the pain, the difficulty, the fear, and the grief that comes with death. And yet, even more so, as people of faith, as people who celebrate Easter, we trust in God's love through Jesus Christ who died and rose again for us and for the redemption of this entire world. Yes. There is death. And yes. There is resurrection.

God continues to play in the soil. God continues to create and nurture new life. God continues to hold and sustain life. And, fundamentally, without question, God brings life from death - each and every day.

May you have a blessed Easter. May we together, in this real world that we live in, trust in Jesus. And may we, with all the angels, archangels and all the saints, shout the good news together, "Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Stewardship Snapshot		Feb 2023
General Offerings Received	\$	15,728
Fees/Reimbursements/Special		140
Interest Earned - General Account		37
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb		580
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb		250
Total Income	\$	16,735
Budgeted Expenses Paid		22,416
Overage (Shortage)	\$	(5,681)
Budgeted Benevolence	\$	1,009
Designated Benevolence Received		1,750
Total Benevolence	\$	2,759

Sunday Scripture Lessons for April 2023

April 2nd: Palm Sunday

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Matthew 26:14--27:66

April 16th: 2nd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 - Psalm 16
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

April 9th : Easter

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- Matthew 28:1-10

April 23rd: 3rd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- 1 Peter 1:17-23
- Luke 24:13-35

April 30th: 4th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 23
- 1 Peter 2:19-25
- John 10:1-10

FEBRUARY 2023 CLC PROPERTY TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Checked alarms in Fellowship Hall for connectivity.
2. Replaced ballast of fluorescent light in hallway of Preschool.
3. Made numerous adjustments to locks on entrance and exterior doors.
4. Some landscaping efforts resumed; pulled weeds, added hardy outdoor flowers, trimmed and pruned bushes.
5. The upper wall raceways in the men's bathroom (holding cables for the new phone and internet system) came loose and fell to the floor. The standard glue application had failed. Rehung all sections and screwed them to the wall. Patched new holes.
6. Put up new seasonal (purple) banner behind the large wall cross in Fellowship Hall.
7. Met with the Director of Child Care and worked on attempting to decipher the recent requirements we received for these operations. The State Fire Protection Bureau and the Department of Children, Youth and Families (the licensing authority) are involved. There are several confusing mandates to be resolved. Major expenses appear to be ahead.

A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked; "Why do you think I wear this collar?"

One kid answered: "Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days?"





BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

April 2023

Stanwood Camano Resource Center

The Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano serves individuals and families with financial assistance for basic needs, early childhood programs, teen support and as a gathering place where community is at the center of all we do. Our financial assistance helps prevent utilities shut-off, eviction, as well as assistance with employment, basic needs, information and referral and programs for kids. We help our local families and community thrive and connect. Staff and volunteers provide individual support, skill building, and resource information to people and families in our community at no cost. They help individuals and families achieve their goals.

New in 2023, the CRC will offer a variety of play and learn opportunities for children 0-5 years old, caregiver support, and parenting classes. The purpose of this program is to set children up for both learning success and emotional development. Through these programs, the CRC is supporting the 360 Kindergarten Readiness initiative led by the Making Life Work community collaboration. The CRC is also a safe place for teens to come and connect with their friends and peers while engaging in various classes and fun events. Most of their programs are free and offered to students in grades 7-12.

Through the multitude of offerings at the CRC, The Community Resource Center strives not only to continue to be a community gathering place but also a place that helps connect people to resources within the community. For more information, check out our website www.crc-sc.org We would like to thank Camano Lutheran Church for their ongoing support.

Mary Bredereck, Executive Director
Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Come Join us for Holy Week and Easter

"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid: for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples he has risen from the dead, and behold he is going before you to galilee; there you will see him.'" Matthew 28:5-7



PALM SUNDAY

10AM Sunday, April 2nd

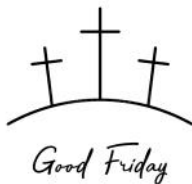
Jesus Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM Thursday, April 6th

Great Commandment of Love & Stripping of the Altar.



GOOD FRIDAY CLUSTER SERVICE

7PM Friday, April 7th at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Arlington.

We Journey with Jesus to the cross.



EASTER SUNDAY

10AM Sunday, April 9th with Refreshment Goodies to follow worship.

Celebrating the Resurrection!

SINCERE THANKS FROM THE LUCE FAMILY

Thank you to all our Camano Lutheran friends for all the cards, prayers, flowers, cookies and love shared during our sudden loss of Greg. Your support was felt by all of us. We also want to thank everyone for all your continued prayers for all of us when we lost Danny & Aubrey's baby Zach.

Teresa and all of Greg's family

2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



The 2023 Scholarship Application for High School Graduating Seniors and College Students is now available. Applications can be found on the church website or in the church office. Application Deadline is April 16th, 2023.

Thank you



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Camano Lutheran Church
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Dear Camano Lutheran Church:

We are so grateful for your generous support and trust of Family Promise of Skagit Valley during the past year. With your support, here are just some things we accomplished in 2022:

With your support, we were able to complete the following:

- Stabilized our new Shelter Diversion program that was started last year.
- Prevented 83 families from becoming homeless through Prevention and Shelter Diversion program.
- Permanently housed 9 families through our housing programs in one of the most difficult housing years we have experienced since inception.
- Upgraded Promise House hot water heater and shelter plumbing.
- Fund raised to begin the process of upgrading our shelter with new paint, floors and cabinetry.
- Added a new seasonal shelter program that can help house up to an additional 25 individuals during the winter months.

Thank you for your contributions in 2022. We hope you will partner with us in the future. For your convenience, one-time or recurring donations may be made on our website above.

\$952.51 for H4N2022 received on Nov 8, 2022

Total Donations in 2022: \$952.51

To comply with United States Internal Revenue Service regulations, this letter acknowledges that you are receiving no goods or services in connection with these contributions. We are a 501(c)3 organization, with contributions tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. EIN: 46-2556043.

Warmly,
Audrea Woll, Lisa Lewis, and Matthew Desvoigne



Dear Camano Lutheran Family,
Thank you for your gift of \$119.34 to Safe Harbor Free Clinic.

We are so thankful to have your support as we work together to provide services to the underserved in our community.

We have seen an increase in new patients so we have expanded our service area. This means more people are having their healthcare needs taken care of which leads to healthier families and communities.

Thank you for your part in providing life giving help to the world around us!
Sandy Allen
Executive Director



Thank You!

February 17, 2023

Camano Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your organization's recent gift of \$119.34 to Lutheran World Relief! When you love your neighbors with your generous gifts to LWR, you change lives in amazing ways.

For Walaa Ali al Ali, a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon, your love arrived in the form of a beehive. As the primary breadwinner for her family — including her mother, her developmentally disabled brother, a niece and a nephew — she struggled to find work amid Lebanon's economic crisis. Her family was safe from the war in Syria, but they didn't have access to adequate food or basic medical care.

Through LWR, Walaa enrolled in a livelihoods program for refugees and received all the training and supplies she needed to start a business she earned, she also planted a vegetable garden to help feed her family. Now she's earning enough to keep her family afloat, and she's even training other women how to produce and sell honey.

Thank you for saving and transforming lives by loving your neighbors like Walaa!

We'd love to show you more examples of your gift in action. Please visit www.lwr.org and sign up to receive the latest updates. If you have any questions, please contact us at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

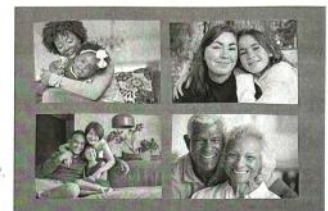
Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$119.34-LWR.



Health. Justice. Hope.



Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of \$83.00 on 03/17/2023 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
(206) 616-3270 advancement@lcsnw.org

Lutheran Community Services Northwest is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. EIN: # 93-0386860. Your gift may qualify as a charitable deduction. Consult with your tax advisor to determine deductibility. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

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thank you



*Your gift is more than just a donation,
it is the hope in the eyes of the people we serve.*

Dear Church members,
We greatly appreciate your
continued support. Your
generous donation will help
many families struggling
with the rising costs due to
inflation. Thank you for
sharing a meal with your
neighbors.
Wendy Foster



Thank You!

February 10, 2023

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$58.00 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Northwest Washington Synod of ELCA. I'd like to share a story with you about how your support makes a real difference.

Guisela is a single mother living with her two daughters in the remote hills of western Guatemala. Without a regular source of income or the knowledge to work the dry, lifeless land, she struggled to provide a daily meal for her children. She made long daily treks to fetch clean water for her family, hauling heavy containers back up steep terrain to her home. This time-consuming effort left little time for gardening, and with little farming know-how, she often paid the high cost of transportation to buy vegetables for her children at the nearest market. Since job prospects for women in this area are few and far between, earning money was difficult. The cycle of poverty seemed impossible for Guisela to break.

But your love changed everything. Your generosity is delivering seeds, tools and mentorship. Because of you, Guisela has learned to farm and now has an abundance of healthy and nutritious food to offer her growing children.

Thank you for your generosity! We are proud to carry your love — and God's love — to the places it's needed most... until your love reaches every neighbor.

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO



February 27, 2023

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Thank You

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$985.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.
—ELW 328*

This is a season of reflection and sacrifice but also a season of hope. As we walk the 40-day journey of Lent, we know that we are walking toward Easter and the promise of renewal. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are bringing that promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

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're equipping God's people — around the world and around the corner — with what they need to live abundant lives.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Rachel Wind
Executive for Development

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



CHILDCARE UPDATE



Childcare News:

Childcare is thrilled to announce that we have been blessed to receive a grant through the generosity of SCAF (Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation Floyd & Delores Jones Endowed Fund). The initial grant funds are for \$25,000 for immediate release, with additional funds, as needed, up to a total of \$30,000. The grant was applied for on March 9, 2023 in order that we could fulfill the requirement of the State Fire Marshall to install an audible alarm system in both the Childcare Building and the entire Fellowship Hall. This will allow us to install the required system and be in compliance with current WACS & RCW regulations for a facility of our size; keep our license current AND it will provide added safety measures for all who utilize our space!

CLASS OF 2023 DOVE SUBMISSIONS



If your family has a graduating Senior, we would love to feature them in the June edition of Camano Lutheran's Dove Newsletter. Please send the church office, office@camanolutheranchurch.org, a picture and short description of your student's plans after graduation, by May 15th. Thank you!

MAY SYNOD GATHERING

Synod Gathering

Come join other congregations members for this one day gathering with our other synod churches. The theme this year is equipping the *Equipping the Saints for the Work of Ministry*.

When? May 13

Where? Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon

Cost? \$40 (If money is the only thing keeping you from going, please talk to Pastor Scott as we can help cover that cost)

How do I Sign Up? Find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board on the west wall of the large sanctuary. Fill out the sheet and turn it in to the office by April 2. You will also find the break out session on the bulletin board as well to see which gatherings you'd like to attend.

Questions? Ask Pastor Scott



APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

3rd John Selle
7th Reinhard Speckhardt
9th Justin Schlagel
10th Colleen Buotte
15th Bev Harang
16th Brendon Osburn
16th Marla Larsen
17th Griffin Satterfield
21st Tammy Davis
24th Charlotte Shoup
28th Joyce Leak

Anniversaries

3rd David and Carol Anne Sears

* 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: Shannon Chaftin, Christian Lopez, Shannon Buffalo, Pastor Paul and Elsie Wietzke & Family, Kathy Walker, Janette, Mindy Rigney, Nathaniel and Anna Powers, Dene Henderson.

Comfort for: 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:

Tommy Young, 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.**

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
2 Palm Sunday 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-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 5pm Girl Scouts	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 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	7 6:30pm AA 7pm Good Friday Cluster Service (Our Saviour's Lutheran in Arlign- ton)	8 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
9 Easter 10am Easter In Person Worship Service 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-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 6:30pm Confirma- tion	14 6:30pm AA	15 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon 2pm Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby
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30 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon					<i>He is risen</i>	



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