



The
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Reflections with Pastor Scott



Sharing Our Stories

Last month I shared with you the team at CLC that is part of the One Parish One Prisoner program. The big piece of this ministry is us getting to know our releasing friend Kelly. We write letters back and forth and we are learning about Kelly and he is learning about us. Very simple, but important as we learn each other's stories of life.

At text study this morning I was reminded once again of how important sharing our stories can be, particularly in connection with our faith journey's when life gets difficult. We are reminded in the scripture "You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 11:19. These words are shared in connection with reminding the people of Israel to share their journey with God to their kids who were not there for the journey. There are other places in scripture where symbols like rocks are left as a reminder for all who see them of what God has done for them, delivering them from slavery in Egypt and bringing them to freedom in the promised land, God loving the people of Israel and present with them all the way.

The simple sharing of how God has been with us, particularly in difficult times, can provide others with a glimpse of hope when all seems hopeless. It's a matter of being real and honest that life isn't always wonderful and good. There are many moments of pain and heart ache, frustration, and hopelessness. Yet, as we share our stories of having come through such times, God with us all the way and we are still here, others can see the picture of God's presence within and beyond those moments of discomfort and pain. We are in the midst of one of those journeys in our world right now as people struggle to "remember" God is present with us in difficulties and loves us deeply and never stops loving us.

I am hoping to have one new story a month that someone will share for the Dove newsletter. So please be open to the Spirit's nudging if I come and ask you to share some of your story. I'll give you a guide to lead you how to go about sharing that story. Thanks ahead of time for your willingness to share your story, a story that can change another's life.

Continuing the journey of with you,

Pastor Scott

Pastor Scott's Vacation Schedule for August & September

Below you will find Pastor Scott's vacation schedule as he takes his vacation for this year and some of what was missed last year. During the periods when Pastor is gone, you can contact the office for pastoral emergencies as other pastors from the cluster will be covering for emergencies.



- August 7-14
- August 22-September 10

Council Retreat in September

We ask for your prayer for the council as they join Pastor Erik Samuelson in a retreat on September 25. We were set to begin this retreat the weekend that covid hit and everything shut down. Much has changed in the world and the church in the last year and a half. Our council will be meeting with Pastor Erik who has been a teacher at Trinity Lutheran College, Everett (Formerly LBI), is currently serving as pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Lakewood, and is a conference and retreat leader and coach with Vibrant Faith Ministries helping congregations to take an honest look at where they are as a congregation and discern where the Spirit is calling them in ministry into the future. Please keep this retreat in your prayers as the council wrestles with God's direction for CLC amidst a changing world and where God is calling us into ministry together in the years to come.

Sunday Scripture Lessons for September 2021

Sept 5th: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 35:4-7a
- Psalm 146
- James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
- Mark 7:24-37

Sept 12th: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 116:1-9
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 8:27-38

Sept 19th: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 11:18-20
- Psalm 54
- James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a
- Mark 9:30-37

Sept 26th: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
- Psalm 19:7-14
- James 5:13-20
- Mark 9:38-50

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



On August 1, 2021 I began my third year in the office of bishop for the Northwest Washington Synod. It is my pleasure and joy to serve God and to journey with you through this office. I am thankful for your partnership, your understanding, your forgiveness, your passion, and

your faithfulness.

We are living in a time of great turmoil and great opportunity. We are living in (to use a much-overused word) unprecedented times. What does this mean for us as individuals? The Northwest Washington Synod? The ELCA? The Body of Christ?

Many of us feel **grief**. Grief at what once was but is no longer. Grief that the world keeps changing around us and we cannot figure out our place or our sense of call in the middle of so much shifting. It is difficult when the world feels rocky and unsteady. It is hard to understand that what we often took for granted is no longer. Recently I visited my hometown in eastern Washington. The town is half the size it was when I was growing up. As I walked through the downtown, businesses that have been there for decades are gone. Boarded up. Abandoned. My world felt rocked. And I grieved. What do you grieve?

Many of us feel **anger or resentment**. We divide ourselves into camps. We use the words, “us” and “them” and act as though “our” camp is always right and holy and just. We throw words around like weapons and we refuse to truly listen to the other – because we are “right” and they are “wrong.” And nothing will persuade us otherwise. In John 8 we hear Jesus tell the men who wanted to throw rocks at a woman accused of adultery, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” When the men leave, Jesus says to the woman, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.” What would it mean for us to live into these words of Jesus?

Many of us feel **exhausted**. We are tired. We are weary. For a brief moment it felt as though we were moving beyond COVID-19 and then suddenly, with the Delta variant, we were pushed back into worry and concern (I am writing this in the middle of August – perhaps the numbers will be better before you read this in September!). Quite frankly, I am tired of

changing things on the calendar – wondering if something should be in-person or online, wondering if I am doing something risky or if I am not taking the variables into enough consideration. It is wearisome. What makes you exhausted?

Many of us feel there is **something more that we are missing**. We ache for connection with God and with others. We feel lonely when we are alone, and we feel even more isolated when we are in a group. We long for meaning. We yearn to truly live, move, and have our being in the Spirit (Acts 17). How does the community of Christ answer the loneliness so many are feeling? What have we missed in the life of the church and participants? How do we sink even more deeply into the waters of life that God has called us to and given us in our baptisms?

Many of us are **hopeful**. Yes, I fully am living in the reality of all that I said above. I am not a Pollyanna. And yet, I trust that God is here, God is present, God is active – in this beautiful, flawed world of ours. Right now, in our congregations and in our neighborhoods, there are grief-stricken, angry, exhausted, aching-for-connection people. And right now, God has given us the opportunity to not only reach out to these people, but to listen and reflect, grow and learn together. What a calling! What an opportunity!

I encourage you to check out the **LiVE Project** where you can connect, learn, and grow deeper in faith together and with others. <https://lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>

You might also be interested in **Living Legacy** where congregations are encouraged to have deep conversations about their values, their dreams, and what God is calling them to do and to be into the future. <https://lutheransnw.org/programs/living-legacy>

The synod staff and I are here to journey, listen, and reflect with you. Thank you for these last two years. I look forward to this new year together in Christ.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

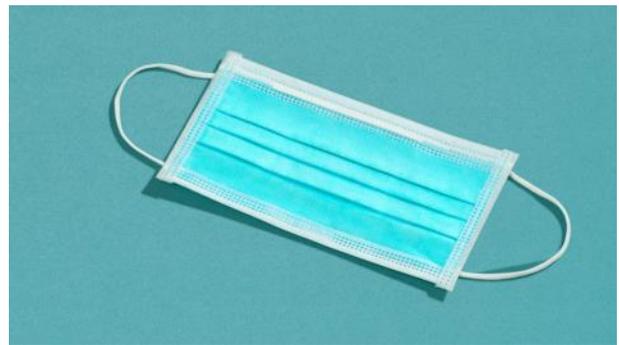
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Announcements from Council

To the community of faith at Camano Lutheran Church,

We have talked often over the past year and a half of being flexible. Once again we will need to be flexible. With the recent rise in COVID cases and the Governor's latest mask requirement update for indoor gatherings, we will once again be requiring masks for worship and indoor activities at the church until further notice. Once again, we do this as a sign of love and compassion for one another and caring for the most vulnerable among us.

Continued blessings in Christ,
Your Camano Lutheran Church Council



Stewardship Snapshot



	July 2021	YTD
General Offerings Received	26,689	155,407
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	122	1,058
Interest Earned - General Account	(19) ¹	465
Gain(Loss) Securities	(683) ²	(1,356)
Total Income	26,109	155,574
Budgeted Expenses Paid	22,510	159,695
Overage (Shortage)	3,599	(4,121)
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	959	6,713
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	1,395	13,453
Total Benevolence Paid Out	2,354	20,166

¹ Interest in the amount of \$36 was reclassified as Parsonage Fund interest.

² Change in market value between date stock received and date of liquidation.

Thoughts from the CLC Care Team

by Joan Bauermeister

For many of us, the word **CARE** evokes memories of a stenciled box being delivered to someone in need. During my college years, it meant a care package from home with cookies or snacks, a treat and respite from dining hall food. In our everyday language, the word "care" today is frequently paired with other words -- child care, intensive care, caregiver, health care -- and suffixes as in careful and caring. But almost always, CARE is linked with concern and actions.

This summer the Care Team has been exploring the meaning of caring within our CLC community. Team leader Paul Shoup has called it "Care Team 2.0" since we are made up of several new members and are dealing with caring during a pandemic, a time when we have fewer personal interactions with those at church. We are looking at ways we at CLC can care for each other.

If CARE is translated into words and actions, first on the list is prayer. We can pray for each other and ask for guidance as to how we can minister in times of need, illness, or sadness. We can express our thankfulness in times of joy and celebration. The Care Team continues to provide a ministry of calls and cards as we seek to stay connected. We can respond to calls for cookies or meals when we are asked. In the past, coordinating transportation to worship or a healthcare appointment has also been a Care Team ministry.

How else can we provide that care "package" to those in our congregation? **How can we know who is in need and who might be the best one to minister?** This fall we hope to hear your concerns and share how others at CLC might join in the caring ministry. It might be as simple as letting us know we can call on you for a batch of cookies, a salad, or a ride. Or, maybe Care Team 2.0 will lead us to minister in new ways. The CLC Mission statement says it best:

As God's people we are committed to

Sharing Christ's love

Growing in faith

Serving neighbor near and far.

Please join us as we share God's love through caring acts within our CLC community.

CLC Care Team

Paul Shoup, team leader

Charlotte Shoup, Tina Dinzel-Pederson, Steve and Thea Hanna, Dan and Joan Bauermeister



2021 Stanwood Camano Historic Sites Tour

September 17 and September 18

Volunteering and Fundraising Opportunities

Camano Lutheran Church will be participating in the Stanwood Camano Historic Sites Tour. Here are several ways church members can be involved.

Volunteer to be a tour docent, suggest and present a children's activity or participate in a vintage sale during the tour hours.

Tina Dinzl-Pederson is the committee representative. Please contact her if you are interested in being a docent. We will provide training. She is the contact if you want to suggest and present a children's activity. tdinzlp@hotmail.com or 360-387-9345. Text to 425-879-1763 Docent time commitment for the entire tour will be 2 to 4 hours depending on the number of volunteers.

Bob Henderson is the organizer for the vintage sale. Vintage Sale - items from late 1800's to 1970 can be sold. No other items outside the specified time period are to be sold. Table or space will be provided by the church. Proceeds are yours or you can choose to donate all or any portion to Camano Lutheran Church. Contact Bob at 425-418-3953. And just for the fun of it wear some appropriate clothing

The site requirements for participating in the 2021 tour are:



1. Be open all hours of the Tour, 12pm-4pm on Friday, 10am-4pm on Saturday. Closed on Sunday. Evening events are encouraged, but not required.
 2. Have docents available to tell the history of the site during the hours of the Tour.
 3. Record visitor participation using Tour data collection forms.
 4. Each site is encouraged to request donations. During the tour any donations put in specified tour donation box (provided to site by organizers) will be given to the Historic Sites Tour Committee to help with costs (ex. printing and promotion costs).
- Children's activities are encouraged, but not required.

Sale of vintage items during the tour dates is fine. The items sold are **strictly** limited to items used from the late 1800's to 1970. No exception, (no contemporary garage sale items).



Camano Lutheran Church is holding a Vintage Sale!!

September 17 & 18

Are you interested in participating? Have some older items in the barn or around the house that need to find a new home? Items sold are strictly limited to items used from the late 1800's to 1970. No exception, (no contemporary garage sale items).

Sale will be held during the Stanwood Camano Historic Sites Tour Noon to 4 Friday September 17 and 10 to 4 Saturday September 18.

Located at 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Island

Attention all you car buffs. Included in the Vintage Items sale will be a 1930 Model A Coupe, featuring a rumble seat! Come check it out.

Tables or space will be provided at no charge. The revenue you raise is yours to keep OR you can choose to make a donation of any amount to Camano Lutheran Church. Contact Bob Henderson at 425-418-3953 for additional details and to reserve your space.

****Masks will be required per the state mandate.****



Dear Barbara,

...I am excited to share that **Safe Harbor Free Clinic has been nominated for the WORLD Magazine HOPE Award** for showing Effective Compassion to those in need in our community.

Not only is it an honor to have been nominated for this award, it is a double honor because we recently found out that we are in the final 4 nominees who are featured in the current issue of WORLD Magazine. Each organization will receive **\$2,000** just for being one of the finalists. **The winning organization will receive \$10,000!**

I am hopeful that you will help us win by doing 3 things:

Go to <https://wng.org/articles/healing-more-than-bodies-1626139654> and **read the article about Safe Harbor Free Clinic in this issue of WORLD Magazine**

Vote for us by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q86NJRX>

- **Share** this email with anyone you think might be interested in learning more about Safe Harbor Free Clinic so that they can read the article and cast their vote.

Help us be the winners of this year's HOPE Award by voting and sharing this with your friends.

Thank you.

Sandy Solis
Executive Director
Safe Harbor Free Clinic



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- Bellingham — 360-715-2166
- Bothell / Issaquah / Sammamish — 425-455 2960
- Des Moines /Enumclaw / Federal Way — 253-839-1697
- Everett / Marysville / Mill Creek — 425-258-2955
- Kent / Renton / SeaTac — 425-271-9711
- Seattle / Shoreline — 206-364-1046

Website— www.lutherancounseling.net



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH
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Family Promise of Skagit

You, Members and Friends of Camano Lutheran Church, have been generous to Family Promise of Skagit. Your gifts and interest in our program that houses homeless children in Skagit have been a huge blessing for us and in no small way continues to encourage us to do what we've been doing for the last seven years. Thank you!

In the last year we have expanded our programming while keeping everyone safe and healthy. A current snap shot in June looks like this:

- 6 families with 18 people in our 1st stage rotation program;
- 4 families with 12 people in our 2nd stage housing;
- 4 families with 14 people in our 3rd stage houses;
- 3 families with 5 people in our Prevention program;
- 3 families with 7 people in our Diversion program.

We've also been providing Spanish interpreted services throughout our programs. And, we periodically have a drive-through dispensary for staples, like diapers, baby food and supplies.

If current Covid conditions hold as forecasted, we will restart our church rotation cycle by early September. The Stages referenced above indicate that the Rotation program is Stage 1. That's our entry level. Stage 2 housing are houses or apartments in which several families who've shown they can be more independent, live together, pay some rent and continue to receive services. Stage 3 housing are houses or apartments in which 1 family resides by themselves, pay some rent and also continue to receive services. Each successive Stage means an advancement towards more independent living as seen in their growing resilience and capacity to live on their own.

Thank you all so much for making us your Benevolence of the Month for September. We're grateful beyond words. God bless you!

Peace,

Laurin Vance, Secretary of the Board

Anniversaries

1st Ryan & Stephanie Lightbody

2nd Dale & Linda Johnson

2nd Fred & Lillian Trolio

3rd Andy & Jeni Bottin

6th Don & Frances Schlagel

17th Philip & Linda Rifner

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



Birthdays

6th Martin Paul

9th Emma FLoyd

10th Jeff Camp

11th Vicki Baungard

12th Gary Westerman

17th Phil Trautman

23rd Courtney Score

26th DaleAnn Baker

28th Chris McFall

28th Nicole Osburn

28th Edward Staffenhagen

Prayers Needed

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

Comfort for: Family of Ken Gilbertson, Claude Baily, Les Surridge, Allen Gilbertson

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

Military persons associated with Camano Lutheran or Specific Request:

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

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

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	30 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	31	1 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confir- mation	2 8am TOPS 10am Church Staff Meet 12:30pm Martha Study Group	3 6:30pm AA	4 8am AA
5 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	6 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	7 6:30pm Pre- school Open House	8 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confir- mation	9 8am TOPS 9:30am Pre- school First Day of School	10 6:30pm AA	11 8am AA
12 10am In Person Worship Service 2pm Eagle Scout Award 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	13 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Women's Evening Bible Study	14 6:30pm Stew- ardship and Fi- nance	15 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confir- mation	16 8am TOPS	17 12pm Stanwood Camano Historic Site Tour 6:30pm AA	18 8am AA 10am AA Busi- ness Meeting 10am Stanwood Camano Historic Site Tour
19 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	20 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	21 7pm Council Meeting	22 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confir- mation	23 8am TOPS 10am Dove Flight Crew 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	24 6:30pm AA	25 8am AA 9am Council Retreat
26 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	27 9am Quilters 5pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	28	29 8:30am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 5:30pm Confir- mation	30 8am TOPS	1 6:30pm AA	2 8am AA



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