



# Camano Lutheran Church

June 2023



# Camano Lutheran Dove

The Dove is Camano Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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## Reflections with Pastor Scott

### Online Worship Service



I am often asked about our online services and how many people are watching them, so I am using this month's Dove article to share that information. The numbers I share are not the number of people watching, but the number of devices that click on the service to watch. So, if one computer clicks on the service, that could be one or more people watching depending on who is gathered around that computer or other watching/listening device. We average between 25-50 devices watching the Sunday online service each week. During the Lent Midweek Services, we were averaging around 43 devices watching our Holden Evening Prayer service online. Each week I also do facebook live devotions on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's. Those devotions average between 20 to 45 viewers. People can either watch those live or click on them and watch them later.

Like many churches, we started our online services during the pandemic. It was a way to continue to worship together each week while we were in our homes or wherever we were isolated. As we started to come back to worship indoors, we continued the service for those who, for whatever reasons, were not able to gather indoors yet or just didn't feel comfortable indoors with groups of people. We still have some of those people today that are watching online. Currently, our online service isn't just for the community of faith at CLC, but it is a gift to the larger community near and far. In the last couple of months, I have been meeting more and more people in the larger community that watch our services online. It's often an encounter where I hear something like this; "Hello Pastor Scott. I am ---, I watch your church services (or devotions) online. Thank you so much for offering this to us. You all do such a wonderful job."

While the online service started as something primarily for the folks at CLC to worship together during the pandemic, it is currently a blessing for CLC members that cannot come to worship in person on a particular Sunday and the larger Stanwood Camano community and beyond. We continue to record the service verses doing it live because the quality is easier to control. Doing live broadcasts require consistently strong internet and we are still having some issues in certain spaces. Music also does not transfer as well in a live broadcast if you don't have the right higher quality equipment. Thankfully, the feedback we have received on the online services and devotions by those that view them has been very positive and we continue to pray that it is a blessing for those that engage worship in this way.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,

Pastor Scott

## The Bishop's Article from the June 2023 Edition of The Spirit



### **From the Bishop:**

In 1994, the ELCA adopted a social message entitled, Community Violence. This social message acknowledges that the causes of violence are complex and pervasive and that violence breeds violence.

This social message raises these questions:

In the face of this, what are we as a church called to be and do? What resources of our faith can we bring to bear on this apparently intractable predicament? How shall we respond to both victims and perpetrators of violence? What shall we do in cooperation with others as together we seek to counter violence in our communities?

As I write this, we have had more mass shootings in the United States than days of the year (mass shootings are defined as an incident in which four or more victims are shot or killed). The sheer volume of these killings naturally brings up the questions above – how do we respond?

First, we are called to pray. We are called to pray individually and collectively. We are called to pray for the victims of violence and for the loved ones of those harmed. We are called to pray that justice might come, for reconciliation and for peace. We are called to pray in repentance that we are not paralyzed in fear or hatred or numbness. I confess that I do not like memes that make fun of people saying, “thoughts and prayers.” My siblings in Christ, we are called to pray as people of faith! But prayer is not an excuse to do nothing. Through prayer, we are called to action.

Second, we are called to prayerfully enter into hard conversation about this issue with one another – in love and grace and accountability. Have someone directly affected by gun violence come and speak – a trauma doctor, a school counselor, a parent, a social worker. While I know some people would rather come to church to take refuge from the world and not engage the world, we, as siblings in Christ, grow in peace and understanding when we carefully listen and learn. When we are faced with difficult decisions or

situations, the Holy Spirit gathers diverse people together to challenge one another and to discern where God is calling us to be as people who follow Jesus.

Third, we are called to advocate – especially for those without voice. Provide and call attention to resources and services that prevent violence, racism, and hate. Work individually in your own life to learn more about how systems of oppression lead to violence and humbly learn and practice. Partner with other congregations, churches, interfaith communities, and organizations to have a larger voice toward peace and justice. The advocacy arm of the NWWA Synod is Faith Action Network. Go to their website ([www.fanwa.org](http://www.fanwa.org)) and see how to be engaged. For other resources, I encourage you to go to <https://www.elca.org/60days> and download “A 60-Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence.”

Fourth, we are called to treat each person as a child of God. We choose life or death every day in our words and in our actions. Fundamentally, as Lutherans, we believe that the good news of Jesus Christ has redeemed each one of us. So how do we live and move and be in this world with such good news?

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes in *The Cost of Discipleship*, “Words and thoughts are not enough. Doing good involves all the things of daily life. ‘If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink’ (Romans 12:20). In the same ways that brothers and sisters stand by each other in times of need, bind up each other’s wounds, ease each other’s pain, love of the enemy should do good to the enemy. Where in the world is there greater need, where are deeper wounds and pain than those of our enemies?”

Where is doing good more necessary and more blessed than for our enemies?” As your Bishop, I pray that through God’s Holy Spirit, we may work together toward peace, toward justice, toward understanding, and toward the end of violence in all forms, especially, in this day and time, the end of gun violence.

Trusting in God’s grace, we pray, we listen, we advocate, we act.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee  
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## FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Stewardship Snapshot



	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Offerings Received	24,004	82,069
Easter Offerings - 1/2 to General Fund	917	918
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	397	1,457
Interest Earned - General Account	84	332
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	580	2,320
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	250	1,000
Gain(Loss) Temporarily Held Securities	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,232</b>	<b>88,096</b>
Budgeted Expenses Paid	25,027	100,409
<b>Overage (Shortage)</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>(12,313)</b>
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	1,009	4,036
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	2,416	10,595
<b>Total Benevolence Paid Out</b>	<b>3,425</b>	<b>14,631</b>

## Sunday Scripture Lessons for June 2023

### June 4th: The Holy Trinity

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

### June 18th: Third Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 19:2-8a
  - Psalm 100
  - Romans 5:1-8
- Matthew 9:35-10:8[9-23]

### June 11th : Second Sunday after Pentecost

- Hosea 5:15—6:6
- Psalm 50:7-15
- Romans 4:13-25
- Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### June 25th: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
  - Romans 6:1b—11
  - Matthew 10:24-39



## APRIL 2023 CLC PROPERTY TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The heat pumps serving the large sanctuary stopped working. Requested help from our contractor (Andgar) and observed their two diagnostic work days. No immediate solutions were found and the repairs are still in progress at this time. Repair costs are significantly increasing.
2. Sprayed class rooms and ladies rest room for ants.
3. Secured brass electrical floor plate in Fellowship Hall. Screws were missing so used larger ones that appear to hold better.
4. Fixed broken latch on entry gate between Fellowship and Pioneer Hall.
5. Cleared drain in Child Care lower sink.
6. Pye Barker Co. did the required maintenance on the kitchen hood.
7. Did the Spring walk-around to plan maintenance needs and priorities. Discovered rotting support posts on east end of Child Care roof overhang. County requires a construction permit to replace them (structural concerns).
8. Provided on-site training for new Co-chairs of Property Team.
9. Installed new plants in plaza area.
10. Checked and cleared malfunctioning sink drain pump in Preschool classroom.
11. Added more plants near the main entrance doors.
12. Mowing is now in full schedule.

This is the last edition of the monthly report by your retiring correspondent. The new CLC property Co-Chairs are Dan and Jim. You'll hear from them!

"I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing, retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, now I have no idea what's going on."

"Lord, keep your arm on my shoulder and your hand over my mouth."





## BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

June 2023

### The Gathering Place

Camano Lutheran Church has designated The Gathering Place as our Benevolence of the Month. The entire concept of The Gathering Place was borne out of a desire for a sense of community – without thought to age, religion, residency or finances. It began operations in 2006 when several local churches began serving a free evening meal to encourage people to come together around a table and sit, talk, eat and make friends. At that time youth groups from several area churches were the primary cooks ---- serving hearty soup & warm bread/butter. They also generally outnumbered the people in attendance 2 to 1; and you could usually fit the total number of cooks and guests at 1 or 2 round tables! In 2009, when I was asked to step-in as coordinator for Camano Lutheran Church attendance had grown to about 25-30 people on average. Over the years I've seen the numbers swell to 92 (the most we personally have ever served) and shrink to 10-15 in the months following start-up after COVID. I'm thrilled to announce that attendance appears to have leveled out once again in the 40-60 range.

The meals are ALWAYS on Thursday evening; hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church (across from Josephine Caring Community). They have a newly renovated Fellowship Hall and a large kitchen (similar to Camano Lutheran). Food preparation begins about 3:45; meals are ready to serve at 5:00 pm. Clean-up usually begins around 5:40 and we're out by 6:15-6:30. If you come to help, you needn't stay the entire time AND no specialized cooking skills are needed!

Other notes of interest:

- Minute rice GROWS.....A LOT and hearty chicken soup made with Costco rotisserie chicken & added ingredients is great, quick & easy during the cold winter months!
- Save your plastic containers (think cottage cheese, yogurt, etc). We utilize them for "take-home" meals for family members unable to attend or so someone doesn't have to cook another meal.
- Some people have their "favorite" meal and will request if we can make it again!
- Cost of groceries has increased.....A LOT! Used to be able to prepare a meatloaf & mashed potato meal for 60-70 people for under \$200. Now, our meal for 45-50 people is around \$225-\$230 & is usually a casserole type dish which is easy to stretch.
- Thanksgiving Thursday means a traditional Thanksgiving meal, complete with turkey, mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls, cranberry and pumpkin pie. Guests are invited to sit and eat or take home a complete meal in a "to-go" box.
- Sometimes we resort to the microwave & prayer in order for the food to be cooked in time! \* We've watched friendships flourish and come to know when "regulars" are absent.
- Each church provides: entrée, salad or side dish, bread, dessert, drink. We then prep, cook, serve & cleanup; so there's always something or someway to help out.
- We've had various community organizations wanting to be a part of this ministry. We invite ANYONE that wants to help to come lend a hand; but there is a desire for the core mission and service to remain under the direction of our local churches. Over the years we've had a variety of different denominations represented. The local churches who currently participate are: Camano Lutheran, Cedarhome Baptist, Peace Lutheran, Redemption Hill, Stanwood Foursquare, St. Cecelia Catholic Church, St. Aidan Episcopal Church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Camano Chapel.

The remaining dates that Camano Lutheran will cook in 2023: June 1; August 10; December 7. If you'd like to help, please contact me at (425)330-3702 or catch me after church! Susann E. Hendrickson



## CLC 2023 GRADUATING SENIOR

### **Avery Yee**

Avery attended Elger Bay Elementary and Stanwood Middle School. He will be graduating from Stanwood High School. He has been involved in scouting since first grade and has attained his Eagle Rank. Avery has been accepted to and will be attending The University of Washington in the fall with his major assigned as Undeclared Engineer. He has received his 5 year letter in Band. He has played the last two years for the Boy's SHS soccer team, as a defender. Avery has made it into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and has been on the Dean's list for Everett Community College. He went twice to State with the SHS Chess team. This year he participated and won State with the TSA team at SHS, qualifying for nationals. We are so proud of Avery's accomplishments. He is passionate about music, is a loyal friend, is kind, has great character, and has a compassionate heart for all.

## **PRAYER FOR GRADUATES**

**Heavenly Father,  
Surround those who are graduating with  
your grace.**

**Bless them with hope so that they move into  
the future with eager and open hearts.**

**Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and  
insights gained through their education to  
use for the good of all humankind.**

**Inspire them to believe in the goodness of  
life even when faced with challenges and  
difficulties.**

**As they commence with their lives, may they  
grow ever more grateful and wise.**

**All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your  
beloved Son. Amen.**



# NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



Mimi Biermann

Ann Eide

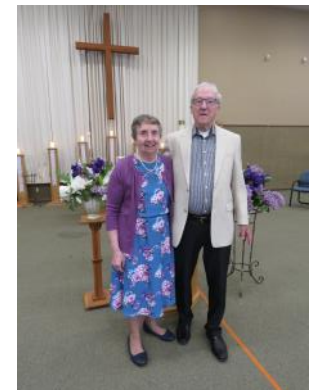
Susie Green

Steve & Thea Hanna



Annette Hollingsworth

Don & Joyce Leak



Ron & Irene Nelson

Bob & Jane Salnick

Charlotte Shoup

Laurin Vance





# CLC CEMETERY ALLEN LEE GILBERTSON DEDICATION SERVICE





# thank you

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make Inez's service so special. From Pastor Scott's beautiful sermon, the bulletin and snacks. It was all wonderful. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Kevin & Karen  
Hushager



Dear Camano Lutheran,

Thank you for your donation to Safe Harbor Free Clinic, in the amount of \$351<sup>00</sup>, from your February Benevolence.

We are so grateful for the church support of our mission to show Christ's love by providing free healthcare to those in need. It allows us to continue meeting the needs of all who come to us for care.

Thank you, again.

*Andy Acia*



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

Dear Church members,  
you heard the call for help and answered it magnificently. Thank you for your donation and unwavering dedication to help families in need. With gratitude,  
Wendy Foster



Thank You!

April 13, 2023

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Dear Friends,

**Thank you** for your recent gift of \$63.00 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Washington Synod of the 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,

*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](http://lwr.org/news)) and our Facebook page ([facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief](https://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 [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

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**WE'RE A FORCE FOR GOOD**

**God's Work...Our Hands**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

In keeping with last year's slogan of STRONGER TOGETHER, look for upcoming information on ONE WORSHIP SERVICE with the entire Stillaguamish Cluster churches. In the meantime ~ideas, input & help needed for this **MAJOR EVENT** in the following areas: worship, fellowship, service. Contact Kevin Teichgrab or Susann E. Hendrickson. Or come to the Stanwood/Camano fairgrounds on May 24 at 6:00 pm as we iron-out some of the logistics of this upcoming event!



## JOSEPHINE CARING CENTER BIRD SEED REQUEST



Fullness of **life.**

Transitional Rehab · Senior Living  
Long Term Care · Early Learning · At Home

May 2023

Dear Congregational Partners –

Thank you for your continued support of Josephine Caring Community and your compassion for our residents. Many of our residents were avid gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts appreciating the beauty and sacredness of nature. At Josephine we have indoor gardens as well as bus tours of fields and other natural landscapes for our residents to enjoy. One of the most meaningful encounters with nature, however, is achieved by hanging a bird feeder outside of a resident's window. Residents enjoy simply watching the birds throughout the year as they feed and rest outside their windows.

At this time, we have approximately 30 residents with bird feeders. Approximately half of those residents and their families do not have the financial resources to purchase seed for the feeders. Our Activity Department does the best it can to stretch its budget to purchase seed, but we could really use your help.

There are two ways you can assist us:



- 1) Purchase a 20lb. or 40lb. bag of **Audubon Brand of Nature's Blend**. The most economical source we know of is Costco which sells a 40 lb. box for \$28. You can drop off the bag at Josephine. Please include your name and address so we can send a thank you card as well as a donation receipt for your taxes.
- 2) Make a financial contribution to Josephine Caring Community with a memo notation that it is for the Spiritual Care Department's bird seed fund.

Thank you for your consideration of this donation request as well as for your continued prayers for our nature enthusiasts at Josephine.

With gratitude –

Rev. Eileen Burdick  
Spiritual Care Director





# June Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2nd Abigail Honold   | 14th Steve Baker     |
| 2nd Bill Wagner      | 15th Paige Lightbody |
| 3rd Molly Speckhardt | 16th Karen Selle     |
| 4th Michelle Vogue   | 21st Karen Malmin    |
| 4th Paul Shoup       | 27th Amber Kintner   |
| 4th Shirlee Erickson | 27th Jane Salnick    |
| 7th Carol Anne Sears | 28th Marie Mark      |
| 7th Kathy Lauer      | 28th Lisa Brents     |
| 8th Marion Erickson  |                      |

## Anniversaries

- 1st David & Marie Mark
- 9th Steve & Pat Thorsen
- 21st Eric & Kathy Lauer
- 23rd Arlyn & Bev Harang
- 23rd Daniel & Joan Bauermeister

\* If we missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church office or email us at [office@camanolutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@camanolutheranchurch.org) so we can celebrate with you.\*



## Prayers

**Healing for:** Don, Alexis, Zaid Fackenthall, Caden MacQuarrie, Pat Cook, Shannon Buffalo, Pastor Paul and Elsie Wietzke & Family, Kathy Walker, Janette, Mindy Rigney, Nathaniel and Anna Powers, Dene Henderson.

**Comfort for: The Family of:** Joan Vogue as they mourn her loss, the family of Teresa Luce following the loss of her husband Greg and Danny & Aubrey Edwards-Luce following the loss of their newborn child.

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


**Military persons associated with Camano Lutheran or Specific Request:**

*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.**



# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 6:30pm Confirmation	2 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:30pm AA	3 8am AA 11:00am Wedding
4 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	5 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/Luther	6 5pm Girl Scouts	7 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	8 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	9 6:30pm AA	10 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
11 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	12 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5pm Piano Recital 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts	13 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Stewardship and Finance	14 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	15 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 7pm Council Meeting	16 6:30pm AA  <b>Dove Articles Due</b>	17 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
18 10am In Person Worship Service 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	19 <b>Juneteenth</b> 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/Luther  <i>Office Closed</i>	20 5pm Girl Scouts	21 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	22 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew	23 6:30pm AA	24 8am AA 10:30am AA Business Meeting 10:30am Al-Anon 12pm Boy Scouts Event
25 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	26 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts  <i>Office Closed</i>	27 5pm Girl Scouts	28 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	29 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott	30 6:30pm AA	



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