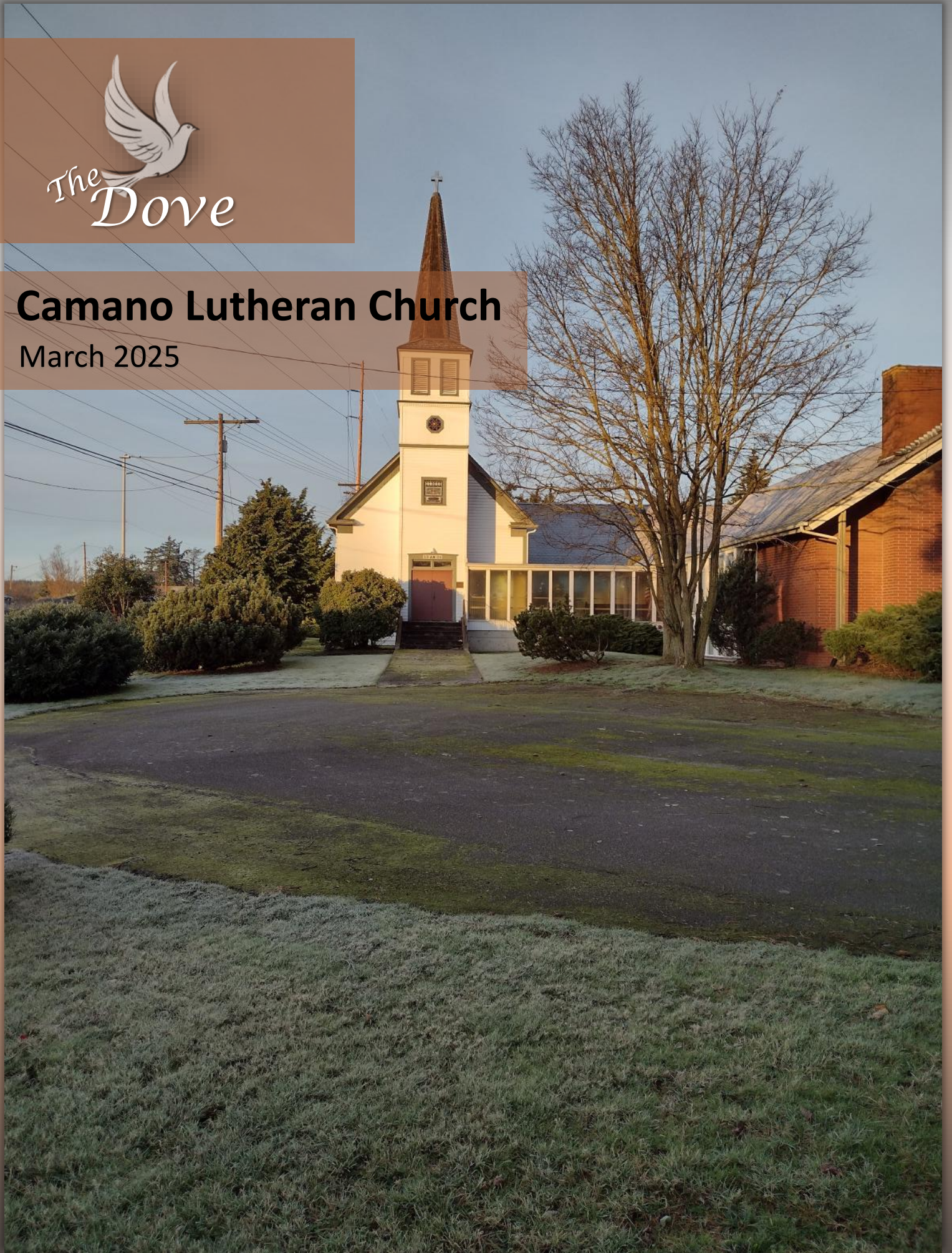




Camano Lutheran Church

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Camano Lutheran Dove

The Dove is Camano Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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Reflections with Pastor Scott



Lenten Devotionals

Lent is the 40-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of repentance, of considering Christ's sufferings and rethinking how we are called to take up our own crosses and follow Christ and the examples he set for us. Some of us give up things like chocolate or television during the season as a sort of fasting, and others try to integrate something new into their lives, like visiting folks in prison, sewing clothes, exercising, or praying. It is a good season to rethink how we live and to let some things go, or maybe even to develop some new holy habits. Lent comes from the old English word *lecten* meaning "Spring", "Springtime." People often think of Lent like "spring cleaning" when one takes an honest look at the whole of one's home, the out in the open parts and the hidden spots filled with who knows what that others don't see, and we often don't want to see or acknowledge is there. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent.

This year we put together our daily Lenten devotional book here at CLC in hopes that each person will take a copy and use it for your daily devotions during lent. This way, we are all reading the same texts together and reflecting on the same questions together as we journey together as the body of Christ during the season of Lent. Other than Ash Wednesday, which focuses on Psalm 51, we will be walking through a variety of the Gospel stories. Along with myself, I have enlisted the help of Carl Gabrielson, Paul Shoup, Laurin Vance, Don leak and Mike Swain to come up with a variety of questions tied to each day's texts. I hope you will take the time to wrestle with and reflect on the texts and the questions and find them meaningful for your Lenten journey. If you have more questions or thoughts on a texts, share them with others and take some time to reflect on them together.

The devotionals will be available on the counter by the phone across from the kitchen near the large sanctuary, in the small sanctuary narthex, or you can get one from the office. With so much going on in our nation and in our world, it is good for us as followers of Christ to go to his story throughout the gospels as he reveals God to us.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,
Pastor Scott

From the Bishop:

March 2025



Dr. Anna Lembke, a psychiatrist and an expert in addiction, states: “Rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide are going up in countries all over the world, and they're going up fastest in the richest nations of the world. ... We are now turning to [electronic] devices and to the Internet to meet our physical, emotional, sexual, educational, every need we have. We don't really need other people anymore. We can get those needs met from the internet. I think that's a very scary prospect because I think it means that we will become more and more isolated.” (“Digital Drugs Have Us Hooked. Dr. Anna Lembke Sees a Way Out,” The Daily by The New York Times podcast, 2/1/2025)

What Dr. Lembke is talking about is the dopamine hit that people receive while on their phones and other devices. More and more research is coming out that dopamine, the neurotransmitter that motivates us to do things we think will bring pleasure, is being activated by electronic media in the same way that junk food activates over-eating.

So why am I (a theologian, pastor, and bishop - but not a scientist) talking about this? Well, I think that the moving from human interaction to electronic interaction is of theological and pastoral concern. You see, at the same time that more and more research is telling us about the harm that is happening when we get “hits” of dopamine from electronic media, we are also hearing (and experiencing in our own lives and social networks) that loneliness and anxiety and stress are rising. In isolation, we might lose trust in others and in our institutions, experience a crumbling of empathy, be susceptible to disinformation, and build walls instead of bridges to another.

Now, before you say to me, “Do you know what is happening in this world?” Please hear me – I know. I know. There is a lot going on in our families, with people we care about, in the United States, and in the world as a whole. I, too, am feeling despair and disbelief. There are valid reasons for feeling anxiety and stress. And we might feel isolated and scared because of these circumstances.

But I implore you, please don't try to navigate all of the things you are experiencing alone – without anyone around you. Please don't always turn to your phone and doomscroll or neglect relationships or separate yourself. Instead, I encourage you to look for those spaces where you can physically connect with another person or people. Please find those places where you can authentically, truly be yourself – in your joy, in your sorrow, in your anxiety, and more.

I pray that one of these places is your church community. That you can pray and sing and learn and grow, that you can receive and grant forgiveness through Jesus, receive the sacraments, take action through the Spirit, give and receive care, and that you can rest when needed. I pray that you may do this all in a sacred space where you deeply connect with others – even if you don't always agree with one another. I pray that you can have meaningful relationships, conversation, and can be there for one another. I pray that you receive love just as you love others. I pray that if you are feeling lonely or despairing, there are those you can reach out to who will sit with you and bring God's promises again to you.

In these days, when it feels like there is so much, may you feel God's love and grace surrounding you in the community of others. May we trust in Jesus' promise, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

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From the VEEP:

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

"There's a little light in all of us by God's design

But you can't be a beacon if your light don't shine." - Marty Cooper

My congregation recently decided to do a little spiffing up of our sanctuary. While the painters were up on a ladder putting a new coat on the wall behind the altar, they bumped into the brown, wooden cross that is firmly affixed there. As they did, a shower of soot and dirt fell to the floor. On closer inspection, it turns out the cross is NOT entirely made of wood. In fact, a large portion is apparently made of brass. This came as a surprise to even the longest tenured members of the congregation. No one remembered it ever being anything but a matte brown. Our cross was created to shine, but over the decades, the soot from the candles on the altar below slowly accumulated, covering its true nature, dimming its brightness.

We, also, were created to shine. In her novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston describes our creation like this: "When God had made The Man, he made him out of stuff that sung all the time and glittered all over." In her version, the angels got jealous and covered us all in mud, making us "tumbling mud-balls," straining to show our shine. I don't know about jealous angels, but I do know it is easy to have our light dimmed slowly, layer by layer as the daily hardships of life begin to weigh us down. A rude word spoken here, a dismissive comment there, a missed deadline, a lost opportunity - even such seemingly minor things can add a layer of soot obscuring our sparkle. Add to that the truly traumatic and tragic happenings in our lives - natural disasters, wars, gun violence, political upheaval, loss of loved ones - and eventually our true natures, the spark given each of us by our creator God, can be so deeply covered we forget it was ever there.

How do we rediscover that God-given spark? How can we once again let our light shine? It can take some elbow grease, that's for sure. Recovering our true selves can take time and effort. Sometimes, it feels safer to stay hidden. Bright lights make good targets, after all. If, however, we want to start brushing that dust and soot away, we might start by refocusing our attention away from what the world says to and about us to what God wants us to be. We are made in God's own image. We are God's face to the world, carrying on Jesus' mission of reconciliation, healing, and love. We are called to welcome the stranger, love our neighbors and to do justice and seek mercy. When we focus on whose we are, we are better able to remember who we are. God created us to sparkle and calls us to be light for the world; we should strive to live up to that calling.

My congregation has since had the brass on our cross scrubbed clean, but we haven't had it polished. The difference, even so, is amazing. We hope to get someone up there to buff it up and bring back the gleam, but for now we rejoice that we have restored some of the sparkle to our sanctuary. As we go about the work of dusting ourselves off, we should also pause every now and then to reflect on our progress. We can also seek help from others with the hard work of digging into the crevices and polishing up what has been revealed. The ELCA and the NWWA Synod have a network of coaches that can help if you need a hand. (www.lutheransnw.org/programs/coach-northwest; www.elcacoaching.org/). Blessings on you all as you find new ways to let your light shine!

Here is what I and/or the council have been up to in February:

- **DEIB Work:** I met with the team coordinating this effort for the synod three times in February. We are looking forward to working with Organizing for Mission on this work.
- **Embracing Difference Retreat:** I attended this LiVE sponsored retreat on February 8th.
- **Executive Committee met on February 13.**
- **Led Adult Education Hour at Saint Andrews, Bellevue on February 17**
- **Living Hope Lutheran Celebration:** I attended the (re)installation of Pr. Heidi Calhoun at the newly merged Living Hope Lutheran Church (my home congregation) .

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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Spending Guidelines Snapshot

thru 1/31

| | Jan 2025 | YTD |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Offerings Received | \$ 17,717.27 | \$ 17,717.27 |
| Directed Funds | \$ - | \$ - |
| Building Use | \$ 647.17 | \$ 647.17 |
| Interest - General Operating Fund | \$ 68.59 | \$ 68.59 |
| From Childcare - Overhead Reimb | \$ 700.00 | \$ 700.00 |
| From Preschool - Overhead Reimb | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Income | \$ 19,133.03 | \$ 19,133.03 |
| Budgeted Expenses Paid | \$ 24,879.05 | \$ 24,879.05 |
| Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out | \$ 1,125.00 | \$ 1,125.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 26,004.05 | \$ 26,004.05 |
| Overage (Shortage) | \$ (6,871.02) | \$ (6,871.02) |

Sunday Scripture Lessons for March 2025

March 2nd: Last Sunday after Epiphany

- Exodus 34:29-35
 - Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

March 16th: Second Sunday in Lent

- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 - Psalm 27
- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Luke 13:31-35

March 9th: First Sunday in Lent

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
 - Luke 4:1-13

March 23rd: Third Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalm 63:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 20:1-13
 - Luke 13:1-9

March 30th: Fourt Sunday in Lent

- Joshua 5:9-12
 - Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Annual Report and Voting January 26th 2025

Sunday's service included the election and confirmation of the Church Council Members, Delegates and the distribution of the Mission Endowment Fund.

At the conclusion Pastor Scott gathered everyone together and said a prayer.



ASH WEDNESDAY CLUSTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Arlington

615 E Highland Dr. Arlington, WA 98223

OR

7pm at Faith Lutheran Church, Lakewood

1424 172nd Street Northeast, Marysville, WA 98271



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

March 2025

Camano Lutheran Church has designated The Gathering Place as our Benevolence of the Month for March. If you are unfamiliar with The Gathering Place, the history and concept are interesting. The Gathering Place was originally named The Soup Kitchen and was born out of a desire for a sense of community without thought to age, religion, residency or finances. Originally begun in June 2005 as an outreach of the youth groups from five local churches who started preparing & serving a free evening meal to encourage people to come together around a table and sit, talk, eat and make friends, the youth were the primary cooks, serving up hearty soup & warm bread/butter and generally outnumbered the people in attendance 2 to 1; you could fit the total number of cooks and guests at 1 or 2 round tables!

Early 2007 I was asked to step-in as the coordinator for Camano Lutheran Church. By that time, it had expanded beyond soup & bread into a complete nutritious meal (with dessert); and had become known as The Gathering Place, a name that was more intentional and reflected the intended mission. Over the past 17+ years I have personally seen attendance grow. In the earlier years of coordinating, we served about 60-70 people on average. Sometimes seeing numbers swell to 92 (the most we personally have ever served) and shrink to 10-15 in the months following start-up after COVID. It is a testament to the fulfilling of a need when I'm able to say that attendance appears to have leveled out once again in the 60-70 range.

Also, because meals are always on a Thursday, about 10 or so years ago it was decided that all participating churches would come together to serve a complete Thanksgiving Day dinner. During Covid restrictions the Thanksgiving Day meal was offered as a drive-thru option or the usual sit-down dinner and continues to be offered due to its popularity. There are currently 10 local churches participating on a rotating basis. They are: Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Peace Lutheran, Camano Chapel, St. Cecilia, River of Life (known as Redemption Hill), Cedar home Baptist, St. Aidan, United Methodist, Spot (Youth Dynamics), Stanwood Foursquare and Camano Lutheran. Over the years there have been local businesses and other groups wanting to participate, but it was decided by the original founding churches that at its core it would remain an outreach of the churches, although anyone is welcome to come and offer hand.

The meals are ALWAYS on Thursday evening; hosted at Our Savior Lutheran Church (across from Josephine Caring Community). When it is the turn of Camano Lutheran the menu & grocery shopping are my responsibility. Over the years I have seen many familiar faces including Barbara Christoferson (Our Saviors Lutheran Church) who has been involved with The Gathering Place since 2006 and opens the church, remaining during the meal every single Thursday evening. This is what she has to say about this vital ministry.....**I began working with Sue Sather in 2006 and became more involved as her health declined and then when she passed in May 2021, I have continued. It is a very rewarding and important ministry to me and I am thankful for the opportunity. The partner churches have been amazing with their care and dedication.**

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Insight from some of Camano Lutheran Church attendees who have participated at The Gathering Place:

Irene Nelson.... **The best word to describe the Gathering Place is connection (I think). I remember before Mardi was always there and people could check with her for referrals, etc. Also, people connect with each other.**

(Note: Mardi Jorgensen is a spitfire, in charge gal that has worked tirelessly at The Caring Place, across from The Gathering Place --- where all clothing is given free of charge to the community). In January it has become necessary for her to ease-up as she battles her diagnosis of cancer head on with a strong spirit. Please keep her in your prayers, and if so moved, The Caring Place can also use volunteers – phone #: 360-913-1551

Marilyn Smith.... **The Gathering Place is a wonderful opportunity to participate in an easy, but meaningful activity of preparing, serving and sharing a meal with other members of the community. You come away appreciating the food and opportunity to better get to know other CLC folks as well as other folks in our community. Susann does an outstanding job of organizing and purchasing the food. She provides the recipes and directions to each participant.**

Steve & Thea Hanna.... **Steve and I have volunteered at the Gathering Place for a few years now. We really enjoy prepping the meal with whoever else is volunteering. It has given us the opportunity to get to know some other CLC members that we didn't know that well (and it's fun!). Susann always comes up with delicious meals. We've gone to recognize some of the regular attendees at the meals and it's nice to see them and say hello. The folks really appreciate the meals and leftovers they take home. It's such a simple thing to make a meal but makes a big impact in many of their lives. It's putting God's love into action.**

Dave & Carol Anne Sears.... **Dave and I quickly learned how much the Gathering Place (GP) dinners are valued and received. We joined the Hannas and Ruth Hintz, as kitchen crew under the direction of Top Chef Susann Hendrickson. Guests of all ages arrived well before dinner and formed small conversation groups at the tables. While our hands and bodies worked, our eyes, ears, and minds were assimilating what the Gathering Place is about - we were first-timers. From the folks who came over to watch our kitchen activity, we learned that they look forward to Thursday night GP dinners as a highlight of their week. For some, this would be the only “real” meal of the week, and they said CLC’s dinners were the best. Since some guests came alone, it seemed like the socialization opportunity was as important as the meal. We were grateful for the opportunity to help with this community need, learn first-hand about the Gathering Place, and get to know our CLC kitchen crew better.**

Barbara Joyce.... **I always look forward to helping at the Gathering Place. I love the comradery of our group. The best part is serving the people and families who arrive for a meal. It nourishes my soul as much as we nourish the people.**

All food is provided by the sponsoring church for that week. There is absolutely no charge for anyone that walks through the doors and when available, left-overs are packaged for those in attendance to take home for another meal. 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!

If you’d like to participate, future days for 2025 are: Thursday, February 13; Thursday, June 5; Thursday August 14 and December 4 ---- just give me a call or text & let me know when the word goes out the week prior!

Thank you Susann E. Hendrickson (425 -330 - 3702)

Camano Lutheran Preschool March 2025

February 14, 2025

I am choosing today (well depending on when you actually read this), but at least around a day that represents 'love', to express to the families of Camano Lutheran Preschool and the members of the Camano Lutheran Church, the immense love I have for Jesus, my Savior, all of our children, their families, and Camano Lutheran Church.

I began working at Camano Lutheran Preschool in 2001. I started out as the Kindergarten teacher in the morning and a Pre-K teacher in the afternoon. My first year had many struggles and learning experiences, but I was hooked. I fell in love with the ideology and program that had been established here in 1979. I fell in love with the joy of teaching and most of all I fell in love with each and every child that came through my door. Each one represented unlimited potential and I took great joy in watching the transformation each and every year. My goal each year was to lead children to experience learning with unbridled joy, curious exploration and a teach them to have a life long love of learning.

When I became the director of Camano Lutheran Preschool in 2009, I took on a new role. It presented many challenges and much learning and growth on my part. I had high ideals and lofty ideas, some were doable, others. . . well let's just say I had a lot of learning to do. But one thing that remained through out the past 16 years of directing the program here at Camano Lutheran Preschool, is my deep love for children and their families. I apologize in advance because I know I will not make it through the end of the year program without a huge struggle. (If you don't already know I can get a little emotional about saying goodbye to these precious little ones). But this year the good-byes are different. When we say good-bye I will be leaving my position here at Camano Lutheran Preschool. I have prayed over this decision so many times I think God must be tired of hearing the same old thing. This has not been, nor will it be an easy transition for me. I am closing a chapter of my life that has brought me great joy, many tears, and wonderful memories of beloved children and their precious families. I am leaving behind co-workers whom I love and care for and count as friends, as well as church friends that have watched me grow.

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Camano Lutheran Preschool March 2025

Camano Lutheran Preschool, has done a great job over the past 46 years of showing God's love to the Stanwood/Camano Community. I believe it has represented the Camano Lutheran Church well and been faithful to our mission of *Sharing-Teaching-Preparing* (Camano Lutheran Preschool is committed to *Sharing Christ's love with children and their families. Teaching children about God and the World He created, Preparing children for a lifelong love of learning.*) We have worked hand in hand with the church community to provide this wonderful opportunity to families and have been richly blessed while doing it.

But. . . Ecclesiastes 3:1 says "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." This is from the Bible and much to some people's surprise was not original to the BYRDS song of 1965. This is a new season for Camano Lutheran Church. This is a new season for me and the staff who have faithfully served along side of me. This is a new season for these precious little children who are now going to embark on their own new journey. And a new season for families as they continue to watch their beloved children grow and learn.

This is where some of you will probably think me a bit of a fanatic, or you may have your own deep relationship and love for Jesus. Each year I struggle to get through our Christmas program and especially hard for me has been our end of the year graduation and promotions. The reason for this is that I am releasing these precious children out into a world that seldom cares for their eternal soul and many times values only those who are highly successful, physical beautiful, or those who do something for them. I believe however that each child is a gift from God, not just a happening through biology, not a chance of the universe, but a gift. This makes my job as a parent, grandparent an educator and director of a program purposeful. I have been entrusted with these precious gifts from God by their loving parents and I take great joy in praying over them.

Each child that walks through these door has been prayed for, prayed over and loved deeply. Jesus himself said, "Let the little children to come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14 (NIV) Jesus Himself valued and loved little children. It has been my privilege to do the same.

Camano Lutheran Preschool March 2025

I understand that although you have brought your child to a church run preschool, you did not sign up to be preached at. I am not trying to do that, but I am desperately trying to communicate 62 years of life experiences and an adventure that I have taken, to walk with the God of the Universe, who chose to reveal Himself through His Son Jesus Christ. A God who loves each person reading this so much that He sent His Son “. . . , not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be reconciled to God.” John 3:17 A God who desires that you know Him. Not the god of political rhetoric, but one who loves you deeply and wants you to know Him. This is a lot of stuff in a letter from a Preschool that you have chosen to engage with and bring your child to, but my heart won't let me say good bye without first sharing why I am the way I am. I love God with all my heart and I love people. I don't always do a great job of demonstrating that. I have my moments where I am angry, frustrated and just not nice; but then I look at Jesus and I am reminded of His love and that he wants me to love people like He does. It doesn't matter your background. It doesn't matter your upbringing, your nationality, your political affiliation or beliefs. God loves you. Don't ever forget that.

The last thing I would like to do is to offer to walk with you. Walk with you in your joys, in your struggles, in your pain and in your happiness. If you are lonely—call me. I will return you call as soon as I can. If you need someone to pray for you, call me. I always stop and take time to pray for those who need God to reach down into their circumstances. If you want to know more about Jesus—Oh, please make my day and call me. I would love nothing more than to help you begin a faith journey of your own, or just encourage you in a journey you have already begun. My personal cell number is 425-232-6025. If I don't answer, please leave me a message. Nothing brings me more joy than sharing my journey of faith with others. I close with a prayer for each family or individual who reads this:

Heavenly Father—

I ask right now that any who have chosen to read this will feel your great love through the words I have clumsily shared. I pray that you will watch over and protect each child, family and individual that has come through the doors of Camano Lutheran Church, Preschool and Childcare, and that each one will come to know the great love that you have for them.

In His Service

Carol Lawrence



Lent Midweeks at Camano Lutheran Church

March 12 & 19 - Bring your own goodies to eat and we will have conversations around the issues of the day. **Starts at 6pm**

March 26, April 2 & 9, Soup Supper at **6pm** followed by Holden Evening Prayer in the small sanctuary at **7pm**.

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.”

Come join us on the third Monday of each month at 2pm at the Leque residence

718 State Highway 532. Questions?

Call Linda at (907) 500-8706.

All are welcome!

February 2025 Notes From The Property Maintenance Team



Another slow month for the Property Management Team which observed, supervised, or completed the following tasks:

- The failed hot water heater in the Fellowship Hall was replaced by Marysville Plumbing.
- Repaired the “running” toilet in the women’s bathroom.
- Replaced the older shelving in the Janitor’s room.
- Installed shelving in a cabinet in the old sacristy.
- Spread de-ice onto the sidewalks during snow and freezing temperatures.
- Shoveled snow from walking paths and side walks

We are so looking forward to the arrival of Spring.

Stay healthy, stay safe.

The Property Management Team





We have exciting news from the childcare family. Our director, Stephanie, officially went on maternity leave the last week of January and gave birth to her beautiful baby girl. We are happy for her and her family and wish them all the best. During her maternity leave, there is a new Interim Director, and I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Ashli French, I am married to my high school sweetheart, and we have two children together. I have been teaching at Camano Lutheran Preschool for six years and now the Interim Director until Stephanie comes back from maternity leave. I am excited to be part of the Camano Lutheran Childcare team.

In February, the teachers celebrated Valentine's Day with the children by doing fun crafts and exchanging Valentine's with each other.

We are getting ready for another great month.

Ashli French

Interim Childcare Director



Thank you!

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Stanwood Camano Food Bank Services
27030 102nd Ave NW/P.O. Box 1285
Stanwood, WA 98292
360 629 2789

Dear Scott Brents,

Thank you for your generous support for Stanwood Camano Food Bank Services last year! Your contribution makes our mission to alleviate hunger and meet the basic needs of individuals in our community possible. We have seen a dramatic increase in demand for services in the past year, surpassing 18,000 household visits comprising over 73,000 individuals for the first time.

Thanks to donors like you, we were able to increase our food purchasing budget to meet the growing needs in our community. These purchases ensure that those depending on us will have reliable access to familiar pantry staples such as fresh milk, fresh produce, pasta, rice, canned soup, canned protein, and more!

You also made it possible for us to revamp the Meals 'til Monday meal program (backpack) with healthy choices, open our "Senior Serve" affording easier access to the food bank for individuals aged 60+, and provide Warm Coats and a Holiday House program for Stanwood-Camano children.

We are fortunate to have your support for families in need.

Thank you for your generous support! Please contact us at www.stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org with any questions.

With gratitude and our best for 2025,



Thank You!



January 16, 2025

January 14, 2025

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$806.01 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA. I'd like to share a story with you about how your support makes a real difference.

Every year during Nepal's rainy season, Jayantri Kewat would lose most of his crops when the river overflowed and covered his field. The floods would come so fast he worried his children would drown.

But gifts like yours changed everything. Jayantri and his neighbors received training from Lutheran World Relief on how to stay safe when floods came, and how to grow crops in flood-prone areas. Today, Jayantri's farm and family are thriving.

I can't wait to see whose life will be changed by your recent gift. Thank you for your generosity! When you love your neighbors, it transforms lives. We are proud to be your hands and feet out in the world... until your love reaches every neighbor.

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

P.S. For the latest updates on how your generous gifts are reaching neighbors in need all over the world, I invite you stay in touch through our blog (lwr.org/news) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our staff at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your \$83.00 gift to Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center! Your gift helps further our mission of sharing God's love by experiencing GRACE in Creation. We are excited to be building up this era of camp, and having the generous prayers and financial support of your family make sure we can be a place of faith development for years to come.

We welcomed over 300 campers in our summer programming in 2024, and that does not include the many individuals and groups that come to Lutherwood with their congregations and families on retreats and gatherings. Our camp has been ALIVE with the excitement of new leadership and a new drive to follow God's call.

In 2025, we are praying for God's guidance to continue expanding our physical accessibility around camp, build up our day camp and Middle School and High School adventure programming, get some fresh paint on our main campus, and invest in updating three worship areas.

Please come visit us or give us a call. We love to hear the stories of why people are passionate about Lutherwood and outdoor ministry. The amazing bonds of ministry across the 78+ years of Lutherwood are a gift from God.

Again, thank you for designating this gift to Lutherwood!

In Christ,

Ashleigh Ellsworth-Keller
Program Director
Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center

Thank you!

P.S. Be on the lookout for upcoming events, including a new spring fundraiser dinner at camp and Family Camp in July!

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.

DECEPTION PASS STATE PARK - BIRD WALK



Looking to pick up a new hobby or simply get outside more this year? Our Bird Walks are designed as a great opportunity for birders of all levels. Practice bird identification skills, explore unique bird habitats, and learn from other birders. We recommend bringing your own binoculars and/or scopes, but we will have a few on hand to borrow. All walks are offered in partnership with the Whidbey Audubon Society.

No registration required.

Please note: A Discover Pass or day permit is required for each vehicle.

March 8 | Cornet Bay at Deception Pass State Park from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Directions: Drive past the Deception Pass State Park entrance sign to the right and enter the boat ramp parking lot. Restrooms are available at this location. Look for a large sign, “Bird Walk.”

March 22 | Rosario Beach at Deception Pass State Park from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Direction: Navigate to Rosario Beach Rd. Please note this address does not take you all the way to the parking lot. Follow to the end of the road until you reach the metal gates to enter the Rosario parking lot. Restrooms are available at this location. Look for a large sign, “Bird Walk.”



Birthdays March

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| 3rd Jaye Cory | 8th Linda Leque |
| 5th Calvin Hendrickson | 18th Chuck Kauffman |
| 5th Gretchen Pigott | 21st Joan Bauermeister |
| 5th Pat Thorsen | 27th Fred Trolio |
| 6th Brandon Honold | 30th Connie Hall |
| 6th Jay Whitford | 30th Anne Marie Dorsey |
| 8th Mallory Larsen | |



Anniversaries March

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

* If we missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church office or email us at office@camanolutheranchurch.org so we can celebrate with you.*



Prayers

Healing for: C.J., Pastor Lori Cornell, Don, Mindy Rigney, Kathy Walker, the family of Pat Major, Pat Thorsen, Amy Kuniholm, the family of Annette Hollingworth, Brandon, Mario, Kurt, Bob, Annie, Pam, Paul and Dorcy Nueman, Posie Siebold, Jack and Kelley, Angela and her FEMA colleagues, and Jessica

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

Military persons associated with Camano Lutheran or Specific Request:

Damien Weller, Dan Porter, Tyler Munson, Scott Johnston, Derek Hinde, Brian Cummings, Robert F Guerrero, John VF Guerrero, Michael SF Guerrero, Isaac Teichgrab, Kyle Osburn

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST UP TO DATE BY NOTIFYING THE CHURCH

March 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon |
| 2 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon | 3 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts | 4 5pm Girl Scouts | 5 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanctu- ary Ash Wednesday 7pm Faith Luther- an Church | 6 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott | 7 6:30pm AA | 8 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon |
| 9 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon | 10 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 3pm Care Team 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther | 11 5pm Girl Scouts 3:30 pm Stew- ardship | 12 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6pm Lent Mid- weeks | 13 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 12:30pm Wom- en's Bible Study | 14 6:30pm AA 6 pm National Quilting Day | 15 Dove Articles Due 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon 9 am National Quitting Day |
| 16 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon | 17 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 2pm Grief Group Meeting 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts | 18 5pm Girl Scouts | 19 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6pm Lent Mid- weeks | 20 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 7pm Council Meeting | 21 6:30pm AA | 22 8am AA 10:30am AA Busi- ness Meeting 10:30am Al-Anon |
| 23 10am In Person Worship Service 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon | 24 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 | 25 5pm Girl Scouts | 26 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanctu- ary 6pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting) 7pm Holden even- ing Prayer | 27 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew | 28 6:30pm AA | 29 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon |
| 30 FOOD BANK 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Monthly Coffee Hour Cel- ebration 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon | 31 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts |  | | | | |



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