



Camano Lutheran Church
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Camano Lutheran Dove

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Reflections with Pastor Scott



People Hear What They Want

“¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” Matthew 28:19-20

If you heard the Easter sermon I preached you heard me wonder aloud as others have over the centuries, “After all that Jesus told his disciples about what would happen to him and how many times he told them, how is it that the women were surprised to find an empty tomb and the disciples didn’t believe them when the women told them Jesus had been raised from the dead?” Really, on some level it’s simple. After 29 years as a parish pastor and 55 years on this earth I have learned that people hear what they want to hear. If they don’t want to hear or are not interested in the topic at hand in that moment, those words will pass through the air never making it into the ear canal and into the whole system in which our bodies help us hear sound and understand what is said.

This first really hit me as a 29-year-old pastor when a group asked if I would do a Christianity 101 class. In that class I asked folks to turn to the book of Isaiah and later to the gospel of Matthew. Both times a woman who grew up in the church and sat in the third row, pulpit side every Sunday, said, “What is Isaiah?” and “What is a gospel?” What blew me away is she had been in church having heard these terms spoken and explained beyond counting during her lifetime at 80 years old. I know they were explained for at least the 4 years I had been there because we pastors explained the terms. I quickly learned; this is more the norm than I realized. I can’t tell you how many times I have made an announcement at church only to have someone come up right after service and say, “What about...I haven’t heard anything about it”, to which I often reply, “I just announced it at the beginning of worship for the third week in a row and it’s been in the bulletin, the newsletter, website and facebook page.” (OK, maybe not the web page and facebook 15 years ago ☹️) This usually gets me a blank stare, “oh,” or a chuckle and the phrase, “I guess I need to pay better attention.” I am sure there is a scientific explanation for this phenomenon, but I and perhaps you know this from personal experience.

Why am I sharing this? Easter Sunday is past and now it probably feels like it’s back to the regular everyday of life. True in some respects but living out the resurrection is a daily reality and the way of life we are called to live. In Matthew 28:19-20 above, Jesus calls us to go out and share our faith. This isn’t just a one-time event or one-time thing we share

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and hope everyone gets it. It's a life we are called into daily. We keep sharing the story of faith because on most days people will not hear it because they are not interested in it in the moment. Just like the examples I shared above. We tend to tune out until we are ready or interested in listening. So, let's make sharing our faith with others as the opportunity arises a regular thing because we might catch someone listening the fifth time we share. And besides, it's what Jesus has calls us to for the whole of our life.



Continuing the journey of faith and hope with you,

Pastor Scott



THANK FROM PASTOR SCOTT FOR ALL THE HELP THIS LENT AND EASTER

With Lent and Easter come extra meaningful opportunities to gather together and with that comes a lot of extra time and work to make it happen. We have weekly Midweek services, Maundy Thursday service, two Good Friday Services, Lent devotionals and Easter preparations including food to share following worship on easter Sunday to name a few.

Thank you to our musicians, those who brought Easter flowers and those who help set up the Easter space, everyone who brought soup on Wednesdays and help set up and take down tables and chairs, ushers, janitors, property team caring for our campus, SaraLyn in the office with the extra that comes this time of year, Mary for more editing for extra online services, altar guild, our worship and music team that helps coordinate all these pieces and all of you that lent a hand. (Pun intended) You helped bring alive Jesus journey to the cross and the resurrection.

Thank you for all of this and even more that isn't written here,

Pastor Scott

The Bishop's Article from the May 2024 Edition of The Spirit



From the Bishop:

I have a confession to make, I am a terrible pool player. I am so bad that the last time I played, the person I was playing with stopped the game and said, "You are the worst pool player I have ever played with." (I had told him I was horrible but he didn't believe me.) I'm using this story as a very thin tangent to talk about gifts and the Spirit ... bear with me.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12, we read, *"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

As many of you know, Paul was writing to a congregation in Corinth after receiving some correspondence from them and hearing their concerns. Throughout this letter Paul emphatically makes it clear that no one is spiritually better than others – no one has better faith, no one has better gifts, no one should eat better than another at the Eucharist table. Paul is adamant in this. (He is talking about this because of some struggles in the Corinth church. You are welcome to read the entire letter of 1 Corinthians to get more context.)

Paul emphasizes that because we all receive faith through the Holy Spirit, no one is spiritually superior. Paul further emphasizes that because we all receive a variety of gifts given by the Holy Spirit, no one has a worthier gift than another. And, to emphasize this point, Paul writes that the Spirit does not give only one kind of gift to all. Because the church and the world need diverse gifts, the Spirit gives different gifts to different people. In other words, Paul is simply saying this: same Spirit – lots of gifts.

You hear this? In a society where we emphasize certain gifts and skills and abilities above others (and often feel like we have fallen short), we hear in 1 Corinthians that the Holy Spirit gives a variety of gifts to a variety of people. Specifically, YOU have

been given a variety of gifts, and this is good.

Further, these Holy Spirit gifts – they are not meant to benefit the individual person but are to benefit the entire community and world. Paul emphasizes that these gifts are not to be used in selfish ways or in self-seeking ways. Paul clearly states that if a gift cannot be shared, and shared for the good of others, it is not from the Spirit. Ultimately, the purpose of these different gifts of the Spirit is to share in God's love and grace and mercy with all through Jesus Christ our Savior.

As Americans, we have often been told (and maybe believe) that as individuals we are responsible for ourselves. We are not to rely on others – we are to be strong and self-sufficient. We are taught that to have freedom is to be autonomous. But let's be clear. This is far from what we read in 1 Corinthians. Paul says each person receives gifts for the common good. Paul says that each person receives the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. It is in community where the gifts from the Holy Spirit shine. It is in community where the Holy Spirit is made manifest.

You see, it is God's intention that we are to be with one another – for one another – as the community of faith, as the body of Christ, as the Church on earth. The Holy Spirit has given a variety of gifts to a variety of congregations and individuals. And together we are called to bring these gifts together to help bear one another's burdens, to love and pray together, to bring justice and new life, to be made manifest in the Holy Spirit for the common good.

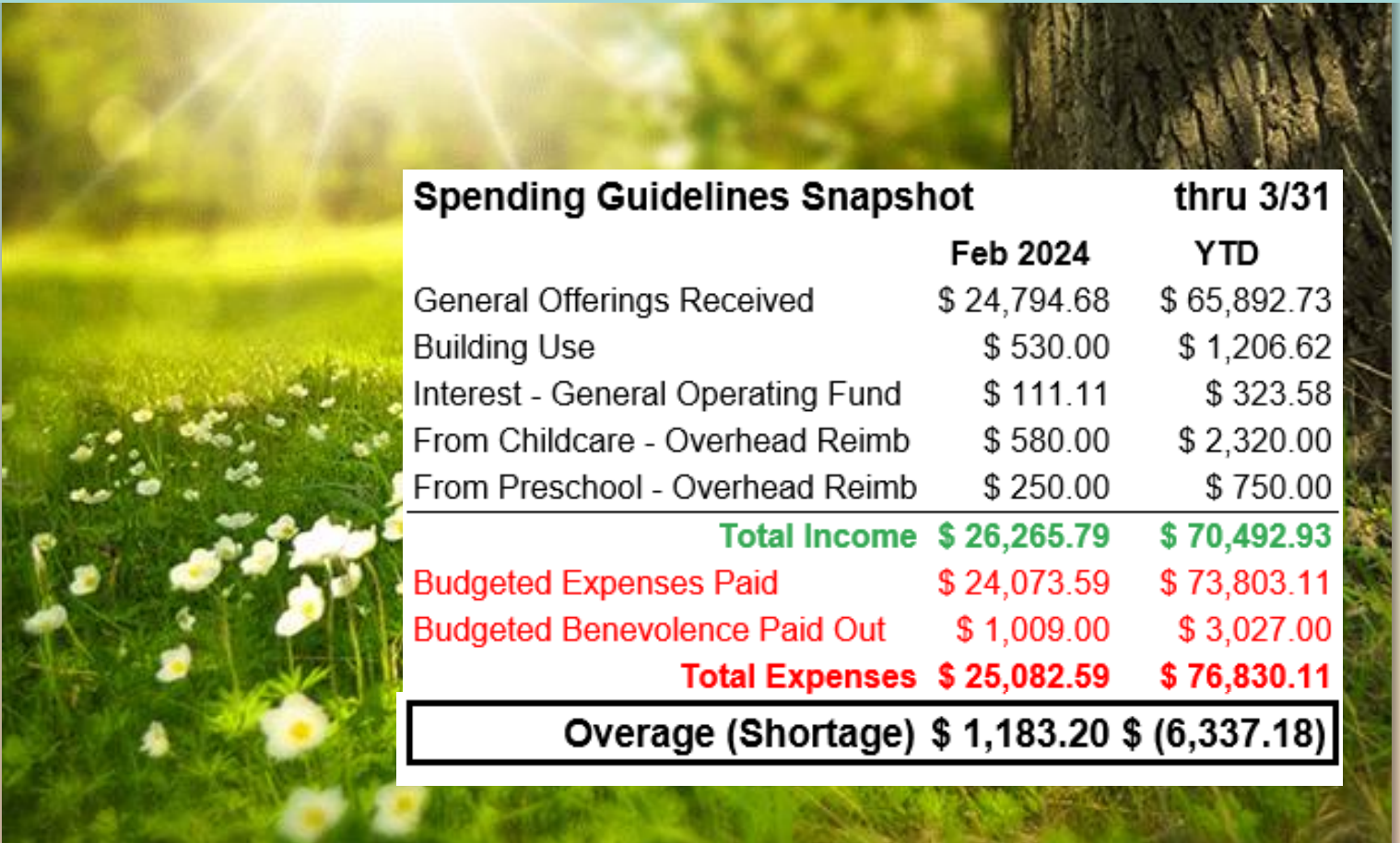
Honestly, it doesn't matter that I am a terrible pool player. But it does matter how I both share the gifts that God has given me and how I reach out to others in mutual support when I am in need.

I would love to hear stories from you about your gifts being made manifest in the Holy Spirit – individually and in your congregation. How are each person's gifts being shared in your own particular congregation? How is your congregation sharing with another congregation? What gifts were missing from your particular place of worship that you have found outside of your space? What gifts have you been able to share with others?

May we live into what we often say in worship, "The gifts of God, for the people of God." Amen.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Spending Guidelines Snapshot	Feb 2024	thru 3/31 YTD
General Offerings Received	\$ 24,794.68	\$ 65,892.73
Building Use	\$ 530.00	\$ 1,206.62
Interest - General Operating Fund	\$ 111.11	\$ 323.58
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	\$ 580.00	\$ 2,320.00
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00
Total Income	\$ 26,265.79	\$ 70,492.93
Budgeted Expenses Paid	\$ 24,073.59	\$ 73,803.11
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 3,027.00
Total Expenses	\$ 25,082.59	\$ 76,830.11
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 1,183.20	\$ (6,337.18)

Sunday Scripture Lessons for May 2024

May 5th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17

May 19th: Day of Pentecost

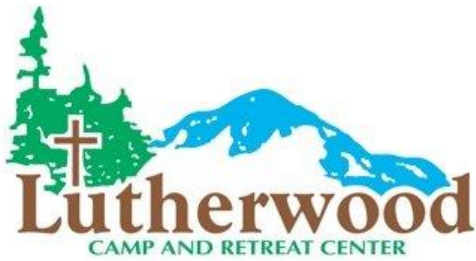
- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:22-27
- John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- Psalm 1
- 1 John 5:9-13
- John 17:6-19

May 26th: The Holy Trinity

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-17



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

May 2024

Lutherwood

Lutherwood is nestled in the evergreen trees along the north shore of Lake Samish, about 10 miles south of Bellingham. It was founded 75 years ago and has been running programs for campers of all ages on 103 acres of beautiful waterfront and forest land. It is the perfect place for summer camp opportunities, family camping, retreats all year round, family reunions, assembly meetings and various other gatherings.

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

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

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

Camp programs and activities include:

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

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

Looking to get dirty, make friends and build muscles? Join the "All Hands on Deck" weekend work party, May 31 -June2. All skills are welcome to do work on a variety of projects. Housing and food provided.

For more information see: camplutherwood.org

MARCH 2024 PROPERTY TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Spring has arrived. The flowers are blooming, the grass is growing, the birds are singing, the lawn mowers are humming, and the iddy-biddy ants are out and about.

1. Sprayed the Pre-School spaces, women's bathroom, and the flooring strip in the Fellowship Hall for little ants that are occasionally showing their presence.
2. Replaced the bathroom door knobs in the Child Care building.
3. Removed the ballasts and replaced the florescent tubes in a Child Care classroom,
4. Commenced mowing the grass fields and around the buildings. Of Note: We dropped down to only 3 mowers (human) until a volunteer recently stepped forward so we could establish 2 two-man teams for the next few months. At least two more volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Dan. There is nothing like enjoying a riding lawn mower (off-road, slow speed, sports vehicle) to relieve stress.
5. Removed and replaced the creaky drop-down ladder in the Fellowship storage area with a new, drop-down accordion style metal ladder. Easier to use and restore, much safer.
6. Corrected minor discrepancies noted on a recent Child Care inspection: A) The large old tractor tire on the playground was determined to be too close to structures. Considering its age and condition, it was decided to remove it to allow more open play space. B) Some of the springs on the self-locking gates were adjusted to improve proper closure.
7. The older plastic playhouses on the playground were removed, new playhouse kits were put together, and those newer playhouses were placed on the playground.
8. Approximately 148 hours and 28 minutes of March Madness Basketball games (both men and women) were watched to provide the Property Team with visual training to improve physical readiness, mental alertness, and teamwork. Like the Mariners, we are ready for the new season. {April Fool's}

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Jim



PRESCHOOL MAY 2024 UPDATE



Greetings From the Preschool-

Our year is winding down and we are excitedly practicing to share music and poems with family and friends at our annual end of the year program. Songs are being sung and projects are being completed, as we take this last month to complete the work we began back in September. The children have made such great progress in so many areas of learning.

As the director of Camano Lutheran Preschool, it is my delight to be able to visit each classroom and observe the interactions and learning that takes place. I can not adequately express my delight in watching the growth and learning that takes place. I just want to brag on our teachers for a minute. The teachers here at Camano Lutheran Preschool are skilled, patient and devoted to their students. I watch as they touch each subject with skill and activities that are not only age appropriate but also engaging and delightful. From beginning letters, sounds and fine motor skills to beginning science and literature that open the minds and imaginations of the children they teach. We are extremely blessed to have the caliber of teachers we have.

Please keep this program in your prayers as we look for new ways to make this learning available to more families. If you know children around you that could benefit from attending Camano Lutheran Preschool, please have them reach out to us. We would love to share the opportunity with them.

Carol Lawrence
Director
360-629-0185

A colorful banner for preschool recruitment. At the top left is a smiling sun and a cloud. The text "MEET NEW FRIENDS AT" is in blue, and "PRESCHOOL" is in large red letters. Below that, it says "Currently registering for Fall 2024 Preschool Classes at" and "Camano Lutheran Pre-School | 850 Heichel Road Camano Island". A blue button contains the text "CALL (360) 629-0185 FOR A PRIVATE TOUR". At the bottom, five diverse children are holding hands and running between two green trees. The website "camanolutheranpreschool.com" and phone number "(360) 629-0185" are at the bottom.

camanolutheranpreschool.com

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CHILDCARE CORNER MAY 2024

As April ends, we are setting our sites toward planning for the summer months. The teachers are all preparing for their summer curriculum and adding in fun “summer” activities for their children. Currently, our school age class is full, our two preschool classrooms have space available for kiddos ages 30 months up to age 5 (not enrolled in kindergarten). We have two children in our toddler classroom. If you know of any families looking for care, please let them know we have space. Thank you!

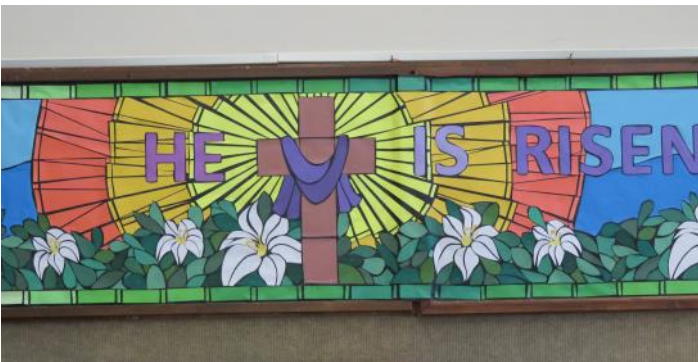
Our USDA food program is going very well. Our cooks (Melissa and Ruth) are serving healthy USDA guideline meals that the kids love. I may have included this in a prior Dove entry, but the children love to eat their vegetables.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all involved who have worked hard in hiring a fire alarm company to install the fire system. It has been a big endeavor.

Blessings to All of You,
Deanna Glenn
Childcare Director



EASTER WORSHIP 2024



CLASS OF 2024 DOVE RECONGNITION



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!

thank you



Thank You!

March 13, 2024

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$362.81 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.

Deysi Milagros Canales Machuca was in elementary school when Lutheran World Relief staff met her, and she was scrawny and hungry. Her village in Peru was experiencing famine and a two-year drought, and her family was surviving on the one variety of potato they could get to grow.

But you changed everything. Your kind generosity delivered seeds, tools and mentorship for Deysi's village. They learned how to grow a variety of foods that are well-suited to their unique mountain climate, and they were able to expand their livestock herds. Because of you, Deysi is now a thriving, healthy adult with a baby of her own, and she is studying to be a nurse so she can take care of her community. Today, Deysi has hope.

Thank you for your generosity! When you love your neighbors, it transforms their 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.

Please retain this letter for tax purposes

A MESSAGE ABOUT OUR WATER

By now, most of you in the CLC community have probably heard something about our water situation. We were recently notified that the level of manganese in our water exceeds the State's maximum acceptable level and that we should inform those who are consuming our water.

The Action Level for manganese currently set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for management in drinking water is 0.3 mg/L. The recent testing that triggered notice from the State of Washington Department of Health is 0.31 mg/L. We have had tests exceeding the state's present level of concern all the way back to 1983. Many have been higher than this most recent one, as high as 0.455mg/L. The state's Action Level was recently lowered based on more recent research indicating possible neurological damage, especially in young children.

CLC has its own well and currently contracts with King Water to do quality testing on a regular basis. We have notified each of the groups that use CLC so they can make their own determination about water use in the short term. As a precaution, our Child Care is purchasing bottled water for cooking and drinking. Our Pre School is also providing their own water.

Manganese is necessary for good health; it aids digestion, increases bone strength, and strengthens immune functions. Most individuals can get enough manganese through the foods they eat; an excess of manganese from drinking water is possible when combined with personal food intake.

You may have noticed that the water in Pioneer Hall has a bad smell and taste. The rotten egg smell is caused by the manganese reacting with the piping. At this time, we are seeking additional information about recommended corrective actions such as a water filtration system. We know that undertaking this project will take time and financial resources. We will keep you informed as to our progress.

Dan Bauermeister
Property Maintenance Team

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.



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

1st Frances Schlagel	14th Mary Westerman
1st Grace Dorsey	14th Sharon Gresli
2nd Maci Larsen	14th Kevin Teichgrab
4th Diane Weir	17th Merritt Baker
7th David Mark	18th John Floyd
11th Daniel Bauermeister	20th Allison Vogue
13th RuthAnn Gilbertson	23rd Ed Crow

Anniversaries

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

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



Prayers Needed

Healing for: C.J., Ruth Hintz, Pastor Lori Cornell, Dave Perkins, Don, Alexis, Shannon Buffalo, Pastor Paul and Elsie Wietzke & Family, Kathy Walker, Janette, Mindy Rigney, Nathaniel and Anna Powers, Dene Henderson.

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 OFFICE OF ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR CHANGES. *THANK YOU.*

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Confirmation	2 8am TOPS	3 6:30pm AA	4 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
5 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	6 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 3pm Care Team 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting 7pm Boy Scouts	7 5pm Girl Scouts	8 6:30pm Confirmation	9 8am TOPS 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	10 6pm Boy Scout Spring Bazaar 6:30pm AA	11 8am Boy Scout Spring Basaar 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
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26 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Monthly Celebration 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	27 Memorial Day 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther Office Closed	28 5pm Girl Scouts	29 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Film- ing in Small Sanctu- ary 6:30pm Confirma- tion	30 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew	31 6:30pm AA	



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