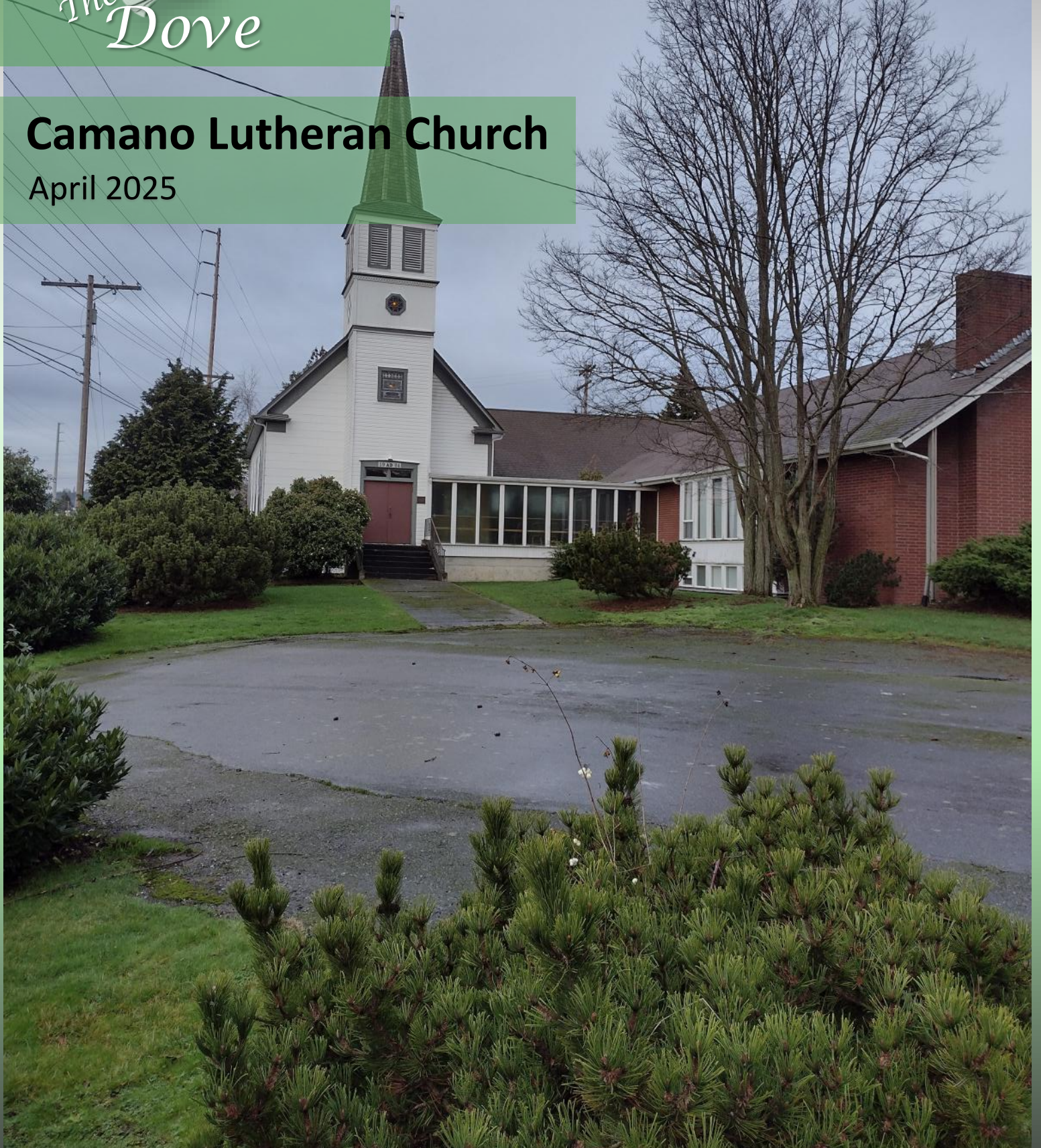




# Camano Lutheran Church

April 2025



# Camano Lutheran Dove

The Dove is Camano Lutheran Church's Monthly Newsletter

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## Reflections with Pastor Scott



*<sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Luke 24:5-9*

Easter is finally here! The day we celebrate the resurrection has finally arrived! Death does not have the final word, for God is a God of life! Amid all their sorrow, pain, grief and hopes of a new future gone, Christ is alive! Their (Disciples and followers) future is held in God’s care and that transforms their lives forever. They went forward in the power of the resurrection knowing God was with them in spite of the struggles they faced, some being jailed and others losing their life. They moved forward in life because they knew death did not have the final word and their present and future was held in the care of God and the power of Christ’s life, death and resurrection.

I love it when I see the first signs of spring be it warmer temperatures, crocus springing up in our yard, trees starting to bud or a new group of birds gone for the winter showing up at our bird feeders. It means things are changing and new opportunities are in front of me. My walk around the state park won’t be filled with rain most days and the flowers and wildlife will start teaming around me. There will be more time to get out in the yard with the light of the day extending longer each day. More time for gathering with friends outside in sunshine and light. Along with these and many other opportunities comes a change in my spirit. While I have never been diagnosed with SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), Lisa says she notices a significant difference in my spirit during winter compared to the other three seasons. She’s probably right. Part of getting through winter is I know that Spring is coming and with that comes all those new opportunities.

Just as the disciples lives were transformed through the power of the resurrection, so are our lives transformed. Our future is held secure in salvation offered through Christ and we have strength to face each day knowing, even amid signs to the contrary, Christ is present and life will always win in the end. That gives us opportunity to share Christ with Boldness in word and deed.

A prayer attributed to St. Patrick reads, “Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me”. A powerful image that we are the bearers of Christ for St. Patrick and all people. That’s a big responsibility and opportunity. In word and deed may we always proclaim resurrection as the final word while walking with people through seasons of death.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,

Pastor Scott



**From the Bishop:**

**April 2025**

As you probably know, thousands of bison once roamed the plains of North America. In the late 1800s they were almost brought to extinction. Thankfully, due to conservation efforts, bison are back in the United States plains – even if they aren't nearly as ubiquitous as they once were.

You probably also know that bison are the largest mammals in North America. Male bison (called bulls) can weigh up to 2,000 pounds and stand 6 feet tall, while females (called cows) weigh up to 1,000 pounds and can reach a height of 4-5 feet. Bison calves weigh 30-70 pounds at birth. These are large and powerful creatures.

But even though bison are formidable, the plains can still be dangerous. Their main predators are wolves and mountain lions (what we in the west call cougars), who prey on the weak and the slow – like young bison. Bison typically run when they sense danger, but when predators approach without warning, bison form a multilayer circle of protection. The cows form a ring around the young, and the bulls form an outer ring surrounding the cows.

Just picture this for a moment. A wolf is coming ... the bison cannot run anywhere. And instantly, instinctively, they corral their young in the middle, the females encircle the young, and the males encircle the females. The two rings facing outward. It is a pretty powerful picture. The bison community automatically protects those who cannot protect themselves.

May I ask why we, as humans, seem to do a worse job of protecting the vulnerable than bison? We know God's imperative from Genesis to Revelation. I mean, who did the prophets cry out for? The laborer, the prisoner, the widow, the orphan, the foreigner, the enslaved, the marginalized. Who did Jesus heal? The blind, the deaf, the paralyzed, the bleeding, the possessed, the outcast, the sinner, the forgotten. Again and again, God calls for each beloved person to be held safe – to be provided for and protected – and, when necessary, for those able, to encircle those who are defenseless, especially those society has called expendable.

This is the call God places on each of us – to protect and care for the most vulnerable. Yet, we are witnessing and experiencing the opposite in our society and through government actions. Beloveds in Christ, do not be deceived. When food assistance and benefits are slashed, the vulnerable are left defenseless. When rights are stripped away from women, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, immigrants, and others, they are being cast to the wolves. Jesus himself warns in Matthew 7, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

As followers of Jesus, in these times that may bring discouragement or a sense of being overwhelmed, in these times when it feels wolves are coming at you or for someone you love, may you feel encircled in love and protection – even as you are called to encircle others. May we advocate, love boldly, and protect those who are most at risk. Let us take heart in the promise of God's justice and mercy. Let us be a people who uplift the weary, feed the hungry, and shelter the displaced. May we be a church that embodies Christ's compassion and courage, refusing to look away, refusing to be silent, refusing to let the wolves win. For all people are beloved in God's eyes.

I close with this. I have a little miniature bison on my desk in my office. I look at it often to remember that I am protected by God and that I am called by God. May you remember – as a baptized and beloved child of God, God has called you in this time and in this place. And you are not alone. For even as you protect others, God protects you. Amen.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

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Northwest Washington Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

February 2025

Dear Beloveds in Christ,

The Northwest Washington Synod Assembly's theme this year is *Woven into God's Story*. God weaves us together much like a quilt or a tapestry. We are woven together in all of the gifts we have been given, the ministries that we share, and, especially, in God's story in the world.

This year's theme is based on Galatians 3:26-28: *For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.* Truly, we are clothed in Christ and, in all of our diversity, we are woven together in Christ.

Because of being woven together in God's story, we are able to live into what God's Holy Spirit is calling us to do and to be – locally and throughout the world. Because of being woven together, we are able to talk about difficult issues, engage in joys and sorrows, begin new ministries and grieve the loss of others. Because of being woven together, we can be together in worship, education, community engagement and more. Because of being woven together, we are able to be generous and supportive of one another.

I am so grateful that because of your faithfulness, vision, and generosity, we are able – through congregations, synods, and churchwide – to love, engage, and share Jesus with people locally and throughout the world. I thank you for your partnership, your mission support, and your dedication to sharing and living the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As our 2024 fiscal year ends, we partnered together as congregation, synod, and Churchwide. Thank you for your 2024 mission support that supports ministries locally and beyond. Thank you for your ongoing generosity as we look forward to 2025.

What a joy to partner with you as we continue to be woven together in God's tapestry and in the story that continues into the future!

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



**From the VEEP:**

“You are a superpower.” Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.” Galatians 6:9-10

Throughout history, when things have looked bleak, humankind has looked for heroes. Two thousand twenty-five years ago, an oppressed people were looking for a savior – a hero to sweep in and free them from the political and social rule of the Roman Empire.

They were on the lookout for a hero.

But what, exactly, makes someone a hero? This is a question that my students and I would discuss every time I taught my unit on the hero’s journey. Because I am a comic book geek, the conversation often veered into comparing various superheroes and rating their levels of heroism. One favorite topic was Batman vs. Superman. Batman does not have any superpowers. He can’t fly, or move mountains, or shoot heat beams from his eyes. He is most definitely not invulnerable. So, what makes him a hero? Well, he is committed to justice. Because he is vulnerable, he risks his life every time he puts on the suit. This willingness to put himself at great risk for others is one of his most defining heroic traits. In fact, it is why some would argue he is a greater hero than Superman even though his heroic acts are on a much smaller scale.

Superman, on the other hand, doesn’t risk his life when he steps in front of a bullet, and he does have superhuman abilities. However, what makes Superman a great hero isn’t his powers or his invulnerability, it is how he chooses to use those powers. This strange visitor from another planet is the most powerful being on Earth and he could let that power corrupt him and use his might to take over the world and subjugate humanity. Instead, he uses it to fight for truth and justice. It is Superman’s willingness to use his power in the service of others that is his greatest heroic trait.

Those people two millennia ago were waiting for a hero when Jesus came onto the scene. They were looking for a great military leader to save them from their oppressors. Instead, they got a very different kind of savior, but a heroic one, nonetheless. Like Batman, Jesus is vulnerable and risks everything for us, ultimately sacrificing his very life. Like Superman, Jesus rejects the temptations of using his abilities and position in self-serving ways. He might not have been the hero they were looking for, but he was the hero humanity needed.

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In today's mixed up, turbulent world, we are also looking around for heroes. But, rather than sitting around waiting to be rescued, what if we set about being our own heroes, following Jesus' example? What kind of hero could I be? I'm not faster than a locomotive, nor able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, but I do have power related to various social privileges related to the color of my skin, my country of origin, my education and professional background. I can choose to reject the temptation to use that privilege only to promote and protect myself and use it instead in service to others. I can risk myself to stand with the oppressed against the oppressors. I can support and champion organizations that do the good work of feeding the hungry, sheltering the unhoused, welcoming the refugee, and healing the sick. I can subscribe to Faith Action Network's weekly newsletter and follow their suggestions for action. I can support Lutheran Community Services Northwest. I can educate myself about AMPARO, the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

As we continue our Lenten journey and prepare for the celebration of Easter, let us all listen for God's call and when God asks, "Who shall I send?" consider responding, "Here I am, Lord, I will go."

Here is what I or the council have been up to in March:

- March 8 and 9: I attended the ordination and installation of Bobbi Jo Cyr as deacon and mission developer at Luther's Table in Renton.
- March 15: Synod Council met via Zoom.
- March 17: The Synod Equity Team had our first training with Organizing for Mission, and the bishop and I hosted a Zoom orientation for our Churchwide Assembly voting members.

Kay Edgerton

Vice President of the NW Washington Synod

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS 2025



The 2025 Scholarship Application for CLC's College Students is now available. Applications can be found on the church website or can be picked up in the church office.

**Application Deadline is Monday, April 28th, 2025.**

# FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT



## Spending Guidelines Snapshot

thru 2/28

|                                   | Feb 2025             | YTD                   |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Offerings Received        | \$ 17,304.35         | \$ 35,021.62          |
| Building Use                      | \$ 115.00            | \$ 762.17             |
| Interest - General Operating Fund | \$ 62.02             | \$ 130.61             |
| From Childcare - Overhead Reimb   | \$ 700.00            | \$ 1,400.00           |
| <b>Total Income</b>               | <b>\$ 18,181.37</b>  | <b>\$ 37,314.40</b>   |
| Budgeted Expenses Paid            | \$ 24,503.28         | \$ 49,382.33          |
| Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out     | \$ 1,125.00          | \$ 2,250.00           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>             | <b>\$ 25,628.28</b>  | <b>\$ 51,632.33</b>   |
| <b>Overage (Shortage)</b>         | <b>\$ (7,446.91)</b> | <b>\$ (14,317.93)</b> |

## Sunday Scripture Lessons for April 2025

### April 6th: Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 43:16-21
  - Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
  - John 12:1-8

### April 20th: Resurrection of Our Lord

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
  - Luke 24:1-12

### April 13th: Palm Sunday

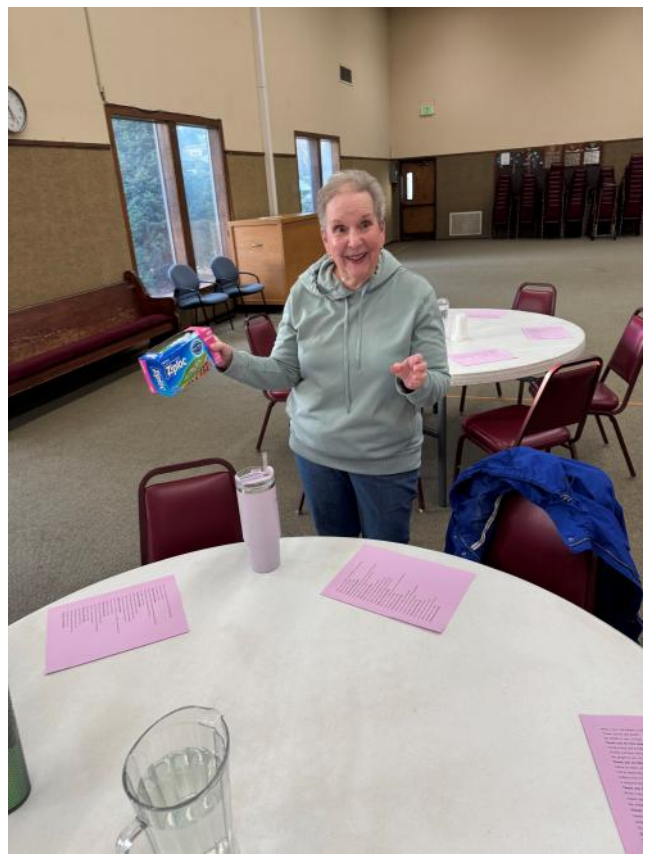
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56

### April 27th: Second Sunday of Easter

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 118:14-29
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31



# Shrove Tuesday 2025





Lutheran  
Disaster Response

## BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

April 2025

The landscape of humanitarian aid is changing, but the need is not. Many of those we serve are facing an unexpected and sometimes significant gap of support. **Lutheran Disaster Response has already rushed \$925,000 to meet immediate needs here in the United States and around the world.**

“We may not know what tomorrow brings, but we have each other,” said Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in a recent update. “And we have the promise of a God who meets us in our fear, who walks with us in our struggles, and who calls us to be bearers of hope.”

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response support people around the world during their most difficult times, many of whom may increasingly feel there is no one to accompany them. With the support of generous donors like you, Lutheran Disaster Response:

- Meets the immediate needs of disaster survivors including food, water and shelter.
- Helps communities recover by repairing and rebuilding homes for survivors of disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, floods and tornadoes.
- Supports refugees and others displaced by conflict with basics like shelter, food, water and clothing.
- Provides mental health support and spiritual and emotional care for people impacted by disasters.

..... and much more. In 2024, Lutheran Disaster Response served our neighbors in 55 countries, including the United States.

**Our work together as a church - and our presence caring for people in crisis around the world - is as important as ever. Be a bearer of hope today by supporting Lutheran Disaster Response.**

### **Mail your donation**

*Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response (if designated to a specific disaster, please indicate in the memo line).*

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

### **Give by phone**

Call **800-638-3522** to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.

### **Give through your congregation**

Make checks payable to your congregation indicating **Lutheran Disaster Response** (if designated to a specific disaster, please indicate in the memo line) and place your gift in the offering plate.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Come Join us for Holy Week and Easter

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



#### **PALM SUNDAY**

**10AM** Sunday, April 13th

Jesus Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.



#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**7PM** Thursday, April 17th

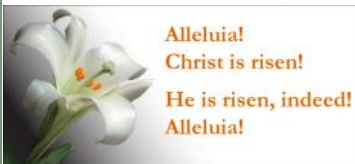
Great Commandment of Love & Stripping of the Altar.



#### **GOOD FRIDAY CLUSTER SERVICE**

**7PM** Friday, April 18th

We Journey with Jesus to the cross.



#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**10AM** Sunday, April 20th with Refreshment Goodies to follow worship.

**Celebrating the Resurrection!**

## LENT MIDWEEKS at Camano Lutheran Church

**April 2 & 9**

**Soup Supper at 6pm followed by**

**Holden Evening Prayer**

**in the small Sanctuary at 7.**

# Camano Lutheran Preschool April 2025



## Greetings from the Preschool

Spring is almost here! What a great time of year when we can see new life coming out in so many areas. We see the grass begin to start growing again and the flowers start peeking out. We watch the birds return and here at preschool we begin planting seeds and watching them grow. We play outside more and enjoy the fresh air and the sun's warming presence.

Of course with all the growth comes additional work. Mowing, weeding, planting and of course spring cleaning. But it is that work that when we have completed it, produces or enhances so much of the beauty we enjoy.

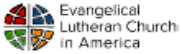
Teaching preschoolers is much like preparing soil to be planted. We work with children to learn their the ABC's, and other academic & social skill. Each lesson building on another. We all have learned by build on the learning we already have. You cannot read without understanding and recognizing the letters of the alphabet. We learn the different sounds that each character produces and how those sounds change as we combine them with other letters. Preschool is the early stages of preparing the ground for planting. We teach the basics which will be built on as they continue to learn and grow. But, we must not forget that a child's very first teacher is their family. Moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles and close friends. It is here where children are introduced to language, manners, respect and love. This is the very beginning of learning and preparing a child for future learning. How we respond to little problems, broken hearts, even tantrums begins preparing the soil for new and harder lessons in life. Little eyes are watching, little ears hearing. I have to admit, I have not always done the best at making sure my actions, words and attitudes, reflected the lessons I wanted my children to have.

So as we head into spring this year, I know that I want to plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness into my grandchildren. When we plant and water those seeds in their lives they will produce beautiful flowering character traits of kindness, helpfulness and generosity. I want to pass on seeds that will make their little lives joyful and filled with love.

Even if you are not around little children much, children are watching you. They see each of us as we talk kindly to others in a store, or when we yell at a crazy driver. They might ask about someone who is currently unhoused, what is our response? Do we plant seeds of disgust and frustration, or do we plant compassion and kindness. We all want this world to be a better place for the future generations, so join me in working to till the soil and plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness.

Camano Lutheran Preschool





February 20, 2025

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

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$3,654.63 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

*"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:36-37)*

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people — around the world and around the corner — with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,

*Rachel Wind*

Rachel Wind  
Executive for Development

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

*Thank You!*

*Thank You!*



*Thank You!*

February 27, 2025

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

Dear Friends,

**Thank you** for your gift of \$2,083.00 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 generosity changes lives.

Dilan Cabiroğlu, 17, lives in Türkiye with her parents. After their whole neighborhood was destroyed in an earthquake, they moved into a container home provided by generous donors like you. Dilan became depressed when her damaged school could not reopen, because she missed her friends and routine. Then she started spending time at a Lutheran World Relief-supported community center that offers games, classes and counseling to help teens find hope for the future. Today, she attends counseling, loves robotics classes and dreams of becoming a nurse.

"If it wasn't for this place, I would probably still be experiencing the shock of the earthquake," Dilan says.

I can't wait to see whose life will be changed by your recent gift. When you love your neighbors, you transform lives. We are proud to carry your love to those who need it most... until your love reaches every neighbor.

Warm Regards,

*Daniel 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).

## 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."

Please contact Linda Leque to schedule a time to talk.

the Leque residence, 718 State Highway 532. Questions?

Call Linda at (907) 500-8706.

All are welcome!

## March 2025 Notes From The Property Maintenance Team

According to the Calendar, Spring has arrived..... which includes daily weather changes, growing grass, blooming flowers, pollen, allergies, and beautiful scenery. I think the cycle will be March winds, April showers, and May flowers, or something like that.

The past period's work tasks included:

Removed chairs and tables from Pioneer Hall to facilitate the laying of the new flooring. The contractor completed that task in only one day, the tables and chairs were returned to Pioneer Hall the following day.

Cleaned up the shrub debris from a vehicle's impact with the auxiliary electrical pole near the large church reader board along SR-532. PUD replaced the pole and restrung electrical wires.

Repaired the "running" toilet in the women's bathroom.

Spread three yards of wood chips that were delivered for the Childcare playground.

Received cost estimates from ANDGAR and Stilly River Mechanical for the replacement of the inoperable electrical furnace servicing Pioneer Hall & the small Chappel.

Estimates will be provided to the Council.

Nailed loose baseboard in the Fellowship Hall.

Continued to spray for ants in the Fellowship Hall.

Mowing the church grounds is just around the corner, the teams are ready.

Stay safe, stay healthy, enjoy the daffodils and tulips.

Your friendly Property Management Team



## FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

**Flowers for Sanctuary** - Please bring any flowers, potted and otherwise to help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. You can take your plant with you after the service is over.

Please bring them to the church between Thursday, April 17 and 9am Saturday, April 19 as we will start decorating at 9am. Please no sooner than Thursday so flowers are freshest on Easter.

**Flowers for cross** - Please bring cut flowers on Easter Sunday for the Easter cross which you will place your flower on.

## Childcare Corner April 2025



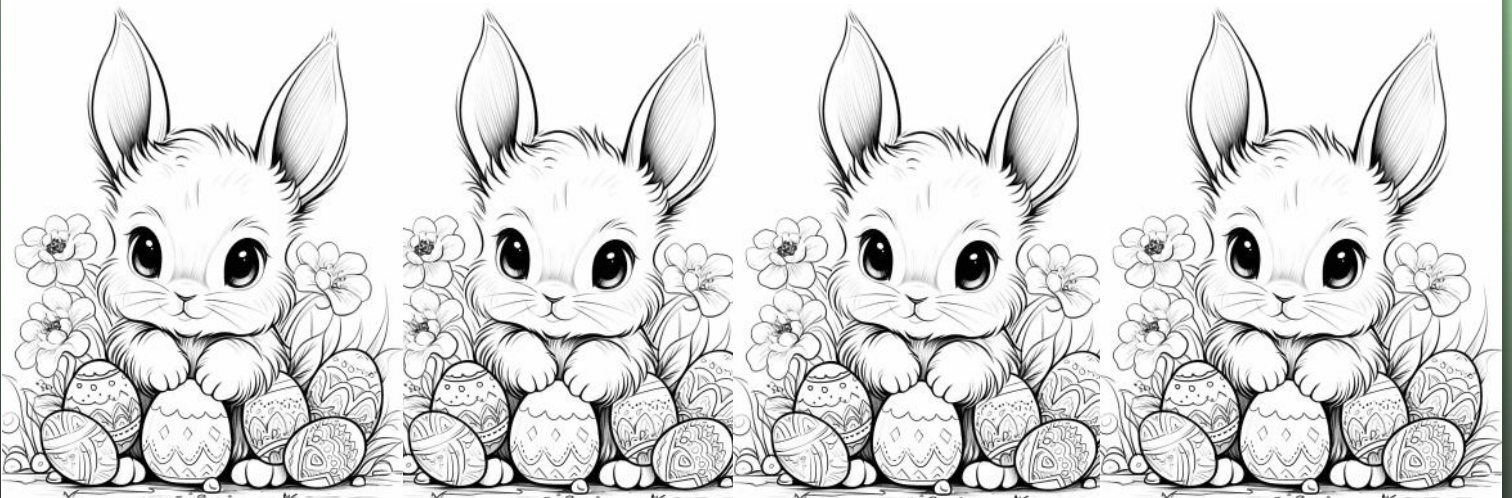
The children have been busy playing and learning in childcare.

As the weather warms up, the children are spending more time exploring and playing outside.

The childcare program will be extra busy with spring break approaching as the school age children will be with us for that whole week.

We are looking forward to expanding our program in the near future. We are beginning to get more inquiries about our program and as our classrooms fill up, we will be adding to our staff.

Ashli French



# Thank you!

## Τησικ Λοσι



February 18, 2025

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your \$100.00 gift to Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center! Your gift helps further our mission of sharing God's love by allowing others to Experience GRACE in Creation. We are excited for all that is to come in 2025, and the generous prayers and financial support of your family ensures that our slice of heaven just south of Bellingham can be a place of faith development right now and for years to come.

We continue to celebrate all the successes of 2024: we welcomed 300 campers for our own summer programming, in addition to hundreds more individuals and groups that came to Lutherwood with their congregations and families for retreats, gatherings, and learning. It is not an exaggeration to say that the shores of Lake Samish have been ALIVE with the excitement of new leadership and a new drive to welcome all people to follow God's call!

In 2025, we are praying for God's guidance as we continue to expand physical accessibility around camp, build up our Day Camp and Middle School and High School Adventure programs, get some fresh paint on our main campus buildings, and invest in improving our Amphitheater worship area.

Please come visit us or give us a call! Whether you are new to Lutherwood or an old friend, we love to hear the stories of why people are passionate about Lutherwood (we're YOUR camp, after all). 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!

God's Peace,  
  
 Ashleigh D. Ellsworth-Keller  
 Program Director  
 Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center

*Thank you for your generosity!*

P.S. Check our website often for updates, including spring retreats, volunteer work days, a pre-summer fundraiser dinner, and, of course, register now for summer camp 2025! There's so much to be thankful for here at Lutherwood.

Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with EIN #91-0629888. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

### -DONATION REMINDER-

All donations should be submitted either:

1) Online at our website



OR

SCAN HERE

2) Mailed directly to our secure lockbox (check donations):

LCSNW Donations  
 PO Box 94492  
 Seattle, WA 98124-6792

*happy new year!*

We at LCSNW are incredibly grateful for your support and engagement this past year. Your contributions help us make the pursuit of health, justice, and hope a reality for many. Thank you.

All the best to you and yours this new year.

We look forward to continued partnership.

David Duea  
 CEO LCSNW



Health. Justice. Hope.



Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of \$75.00 on 02/14/2025 to support Lutheran Community Services Northwest's critical mission to bring health, justice and hope to our communities. **Hope** is the operative word. Your gift aids us in providing life-affirming services to those in need.

We are passionate about helping our clients find opportunities for growth and improvement. We seek to energize them with the tools they need to thrive. LCSNW works with individuals, families and communities to face the future with vision, support and resiliency.

Your generous giving helps us to make this mission a reality. Thank you!

With gratitude,  
 LCS Northwest Advancement Team  
 Lutheran Community Services Northwest  
 (206) 316-3270 [advancement@lcsnw.org](mailto:advancement@lcsnw.org)

*Dear Camano Lutheran Church,  
 Thank you for your donations of \$282.25 and \$100 to Safe Harbor Free Clinic. In January, we saw 30 new patients come to our clinics for care. For many of them, the choice between paying rent or paying for medical care. Understandably, rent wins over their health. Because of donors and churches like you, we are able to continue providing access to free healthcare for those in need, bringing hope and healing to their lives. Thank you for your life giving gifts to us.  
 Sandy Solis*

## CAMANO LUTHERAN CEMETERY INFORMATION

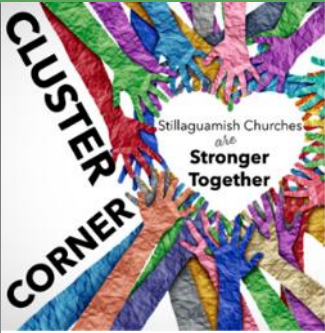


Camano Lutheran Cemetery is managed by volunteer board members from Camano Lutheran Church. We have options for in-ground burial or cremation and niche wall cremation. Anyone can be buried at Camano Lutheran Cemetery - church membership is not required.

Interested in purchasing a plot or just have questions? Contact Karen Camp at [CamanoCemetery@gmail.com](mailto:CamanoCemetery@gmail.com) or 360-722-6666.



## CLUSTER CORNER



**NW Washington Synod** are the congregations, people & ministries of the Pacific Northwest - journeying together. Learn more, get connected, and partner with others as we are the Body of Christ on this territory. Journeying Together-- Our synod extends from the Canadian border in the north to Kent in the south, and from the Cascade foothills out into the islands of the Puget Sound.

[www.lutheransnw.org](http://www.lutheransnw.org)

**Stillaguamish Cluster** - There are many opportunities for the five churches of the Stillaguamish Cluster to meet; whether individually or as a group in order to meet new people, become friends or become involved in different activities rather than wait for our Annual Organized Worship Gathering.

**Remember, we are STRONGER TOGETHER.**

**\*\*SKY (Snohomish-King Youth) group.** ALL CLUSTER YOUTH (grade 6-12) ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The SKY group meets the first Sunday of the month and rotates around various church locations. Contact one of the church pastors for additional information.

**HOLDEN VILLAGE MAY YOUTH WEEKENDS – May 23-25** YOUTH 8th grade through High School up to the village. “A Communion of Saints in All Places” is the theme. Registration opens Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up ASAP by contacting Mary Fuentes (Peace Lutheran) or ANY of the PASTORS of the cluster churches.

### **\*\*FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH – Lakewood**

Faith Lutheran makes a big mission impact through their partnership with LINC NW. III

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

**MEN’S SPIRITUALITY** – Illuman of WA. **19April at 8:00 am.** Meets the third Saturday of the month. Contact Bill Hogland at (425) 501-4112. [IllumanofWA.org](http://IllumanofWA.org)

**LENT MIDWEEK - soup and service Wednesday at 12 noon (thru Lent).** All are welcome.

### **\*\*PEACE LUTHERAN – Silvana**

For those of you who knew Marcia Conn, there will be a memorial service at Peace on Saturday, **March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

Men’s Breakfast Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month except for July and August. They prepare a home-cooked meal in the church kitchen and then enjoy their meal and fellowship. Their study follows the Gospel lesson for the next Sunday’s service. There are often men from many local congregations that attend.

**LENT MIDWEEKS** - Wednesdays: 6:00 Soup Supper and 7:00 Worship. All are Welcome

**April 2** Bless This Night, Holden Vespers ’23

**April 9** Stations of the Cross

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**\*\*FREEBORN LUTHERAN – Stanwood**

**Everett Norwegian Male Chorus Saturday, 29 March at 2:00 PM** All are Welcome

**GOOD FRIDAY CLUSTER SERVICE – Friday, 18 April at 12:00 PM** All are Welcome

**PENTACOST SUNDAY – Sunday, 8 June – 125 Anniversary Celebration** All are Welcome

2025 marks Freeborn's 125th anniversary. One of the events Freeborn has scheduled is a performance by: The Everett Norwegian Male Chorus at 2:00 pm. All are welcome!

June 8th is Pentecost Sunday, as well as the main event for our 125th Anniversary Celebration. Plans include special music, a special meal and much more. Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Andy Yee will be our guest pastor! Set the day aside for this special occasion. Remember to wear red to symbolize JOY and The HOLY SPIRIT.

**LENT MIDWEEKS** – A five week bible study titled “The Path to the Cross” Bible Study meets **Thursdays**.

You don't have to attend all five to get a lot out of the study.

We start with a **soup supper at 6 pm followed by a video and discussion.** All are welcome.

**\*\*CAMANO LUTHERAN – Camano Island**

**LENT MIDWEEKS – Wednesdays** – Soup supper at 6. Holden evening prayer at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, 17 April at 7:00 PM** All are welcome,

**GOOD FRIDAY CLUSTER SERVICE – Friday, 18 April at 7:00 PM** All are welcome.

**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.” Please contact Linda Leque to schedule a time to talk.

Leque residence 718 State Highway 532.

Questions? Call Linda at (907) 500-8706 for additional information. All are welcome!

**Samplings with Luther** – 7:00 pm the second and fourth Monday of every month.

Men and women meet at Pub 282 (Camano Island) to discuss various issues & topics relevant to day-to-day life.

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## **\*\*OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN – Arlington**

**Lent Soup Suppers - Wednesdays at 5:30 pm** in the gym with worship following. All are welcome.

**Thursday, April 17th – Maundy Thursday** – a 7:00pm worship service will focus on Jesus as our “solid rock” in life and his new commandment that “we love one another”. Foot washing and The Lord’s Supper will also be offered.

**Sunday, April 20 th – Easter Day** - Worship service at 10:00 a.m., which will include generous amounts of light, life, flowers and joyous music as we reach the high point of the Christian year, celebrating Christ’s victory over sin, evil and death.

**Easter Potluck Brunch** in the Gym from 11:15a.m. – 12:30p.m.

First Thursday’s – Coffee, conversation & connections. Join us Thursday, **April 5** at 10:00am in the narthex for coffee and conversation. A good way to catch up with each other and to build community. Feel free to bring neighbors and friends.

Second & Fourth Wednesdays - Men’s Coffee Fellowship will meet here at the church—**April 9 & 23** at 10:00 am. We will exchange stories, drink some java, and eat some pastries.

For more information, please contact Jim Kjargaard.

### **HOLY WEEK CALENDAR**

**Maundy Thursday – April 17**

**5:30 pm at Peace – Silvana (dinner-church)**

**7 pm at Bethlehem - Marysville**

**7 pm at Camano Lutheran - Camano Island**

**7 pm at Our Saviour’s – Arlington**

**Good Friday – April 18**

**12 pm at Freeborn Church - Stanwood**

**7 pm at Camano Lutheran Church**

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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## Birthdays April

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

## Anniversaries April

3rd David & Carol Anne Sears  
3rd Jon & Juanita Hamlin

\* 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:** C.J., Pastor Lori Cornell, Don, Mindy Rigney, Kathy Walker, the family of Pat Major, Pat Thorsen, Amy Kuniholm, Paul and Dorcy Nueman, Posie Siebold, Brandon, Mario, Bob, Kurt, Annie, Pam, Jack and Kelley, Angela and her FEMA colleagues, Jessica, Ed Crow, Neil Weir, Jeff, Rozlyn, Rachel

**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**

# April 2025

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|                                |   |  |  |   |   |   |
|  |   | 1<br>5pm Girl Scouts                       | 2<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott<br>10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary<br><b>6pm Soup Supper</b><br><b>7pm Holden Evening Prayer</b> | 3<br>8am TOPS<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>6pm Lit Lab  | 4<br>6:30pm AA  | 5<br>8am AA<br>10:30am Al-Anon                                |
| 6<br>10am In Person Worship Service<br>6pm Al-Anon   | 7<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>9am Quilters<br>9:30am Children's Chapel<br>5:45pm Cub Scouts<br>7pm Boy Scouts  | 8<br>5pm Girl Scouts                       | 9<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott<br>10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary<br><b>6pm Soup Supper</b><br><b>7pm Holden Evening Prayer</b> | 10<br>8am TOPS<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>12:30pm Women's Bible Study                       | 11<br>6:30pm AA   | 12<br>8am AA<br>9am Cluster Group Meeting<br>10:30am Al-Anon  |
| 13<br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>10am In Person Worship Service<br>6pm Al-Anon                                      | 14<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>9am Quilters<br>9:30am Children's Chapel<br>3pm Care Team<br>4pm Stewardship<br>5:45pm Cub Scouts<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts (Leader Meeting)<br>7pm Boy Scouts<br>7pm Samplings w/ Luther | 15<br>Dove Articles Due<br>5pm Girl Scouts | 16<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary   | 17<br>8am TOPS<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>7pm Council Meeting<br><b>7pm Maundy Thursday</b> | 18<br>6:30pm AA<br><b>7pm Good Friday Cluster Service</b> | 19<br>8am AA<br>10:30am Al-Anon                               |
| 20<br><b>Easter</b><br>10am In Person Worship Service<br>5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting)<br>6pm Al-Anon         | 21<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>9am Quilters<br>9:30am Children's Chapel<br>5:45pm Cub Scouts<br>7pm Boy Scouts   | 22<br>5pm Girl Scouts                      | 23<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary<br>6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)                         | 24<br>8am TOPS<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>10am Dove Flight Crew                             | 25<br>6:30pm AA   | 26<br>8am AA<br>9:45am AA Business Meeting<br>10:30am Al-Anon |
| 27<br>10am In Person Worship Service<br>10 am FOOD BANK<br>11am Monthly Coffee Hour Celebration<br>3pm Al-Anon | 28<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>9am Quilters<br>9:30am Children's Chapel<br>5:45pm Cub Scouts<br>7pm Boy Scouts<br>7pm Samplings w/ Luther  | 29<br>5pm Girl Scouts                      | 30<br>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott<br>10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary   |                               |   |   |



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