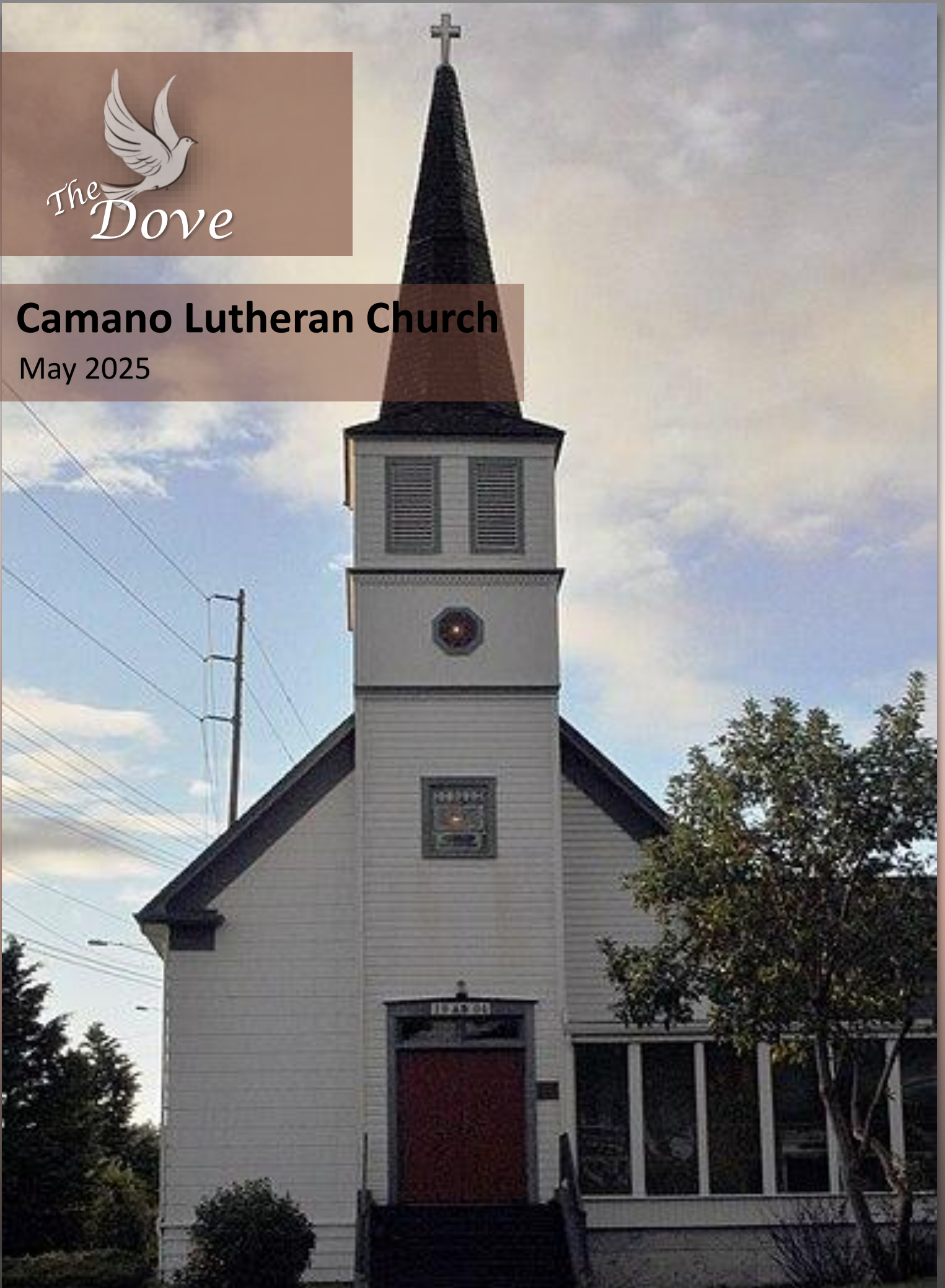




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May 2025



Camano Lutheran Dove

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Reflections with Pastor Scott



As we move into the season of Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection on our journey to Pentecost some 50 days later, an age-old question is raised once again, "How do we see the resurrection at work today?" As I mentioned, we are headed to Pentecost and the reminder that Jesus told the disciples they would not be left alone, but the Holy Spirit would be sent to guide and lead them. It is that Spirit alive and well within God's people that continues show us the resurrection, day in and day out, as we trust God's work in and through God's people.

Often, we think or at least act as if only the huge and awe-inspiring moments of life are the moments of God at work. The reality is, God's is moving and working in the everyday, what we might think of as simple or mundane things of life. As was brought up in our Lenten Midweek questions discussion, "There are many things God is doing that we may not see or notice."

Bishop Desmond Tutu writes, "Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." As God's people we bare witness to the resurrection every day in our words and actions. In quilters gathered, food bank volunteers, how you treat people, words you use to speak of another, setting up the altar for communion, sharing your faith story with another person, serving your vocation as a teacher, defending and standing along side the poor and vulnerable, decisions we make with our resources, learning about the plight of another, and trusting God's Spirit within us to serve our neighbor known and unknown.

Jake Bernard, a Co-Founder of the Church of Sojourners in San Francisco wrote, *"The key element in beginning to learn to embody the love of God is not heroic faith and determination. It has to do with whether or not we can take hold of the love of God as a power that includes us within it. The difference is between seeing life from the inside of God verses seeing it from within my own sensibilities and capacities. From inside the love of God, suffering becomes not only bearable, but a privilege of participating with Christ in his love for the world. This cannot be rationally explained or justified, but it is the fruit of a life trustingly lived in and for God who is all love,"*

May we carry forth the resurrection of Christ in our daily lives in the everyday simple and seeming mundane, where we trust beyond our own sensibilities of grandeur and abilities, and trust God is working in and through us in all we say and do.

Continuing the daily journey of faith with you,

Pastor Scott



From the Bishop:

May 2025

There is a well-known parable where Jesus talks about seeds thrown in wild abandon. Seeds thrown randomly, haphazardly, you could almost say carelessly ... some seeds tossed upon a path, some seeds on rocky ground, some seeds among thorns and other seeds on so-called “good soil.” (To read the whole parable, go to Matthew 13:1-9, Mark 4:2-9, Luke 8:4-8.)

In the parable there is extravagance, luxury, lavishness. Truth be told, it is terrible farming. But if you take out what we all know about farming techniques, the throwing of seeds in this parable is unfathomable and incomprehensible and beautiful to behold.

And yet ... so often we want to tame the throwing of seeds. We want to make straight lines and uniform rows. We want organization and structure. We might want new things to grow, but we want them to be what we want. Perhaps newish ... but not new. Undergirding it all, I think we want control over this seed thing.

But this isn't how the Spirit works.

Instead, as we hear in this parable, God's seed-throwing is all about possibility and energy and the extravagance of God. This parable is about the wildness of God's Spirit. The Sower is throwing out seeds with abandon so that something may develop, sprout, and grow – something unexpected, something astonishing.

This, of course, doesn't mean we cast aside everything already growing. Not at all. Nowhere in this parable does it say that the plants already rooted must be cleared before new seeds can be sown. There are deep-rooted plants already flourishing in God's Garden. These plants have lived through trials and joys and still bear fruit. They need to be watered and tended. They deserve our care, our gratitude, our celebration. The new seeds being scattered don't replace what is planted. Instead, they add to the texture and beauty of God's Garden. Old and new. Rooted and scattered. This parable reminds us that God's Garden is not static—it's alive, growing, evolving.

Of course, some seeds that have been thrown have not always taken root. As the parable says – some seeds fall on rocky ground, other seeds land on thorns. There have been experiments that started with high hopes that ended sooner than we would like. There were perhaps disagreements or different ways of doing things. It is true that what works in one section of God's Garden doesn't necessarily work in others.

But this is why we plant and trust and sow and dig in the dirt. This is why we trust this Sower sowing seeds. For God's Garden is founded not on the quality of soil but on the lavishness of God the Sower through the Spirit.

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When I hear this parable, I celebrate the many different ways that we are living into and sharing God's love and grace in this synod – in ways that the saints before us would recognize and cherish, and in ways they might never have imagined. I invite you to pause for a moment and think of the place and space where you are promised forgiveness and new life, where you receive the body and blood of Jesus, where you hear the proclamation of grace through faith, where you have holy community. What are some ways that you are deeply rooted? What are some ways that seeds of new possibilities are being planted? What are seeds that are in the wind right now but haven't landed yet? When you think of the broader community where you live – what is your congregation called to in partnership and imagination? How is the Sower throwing seeds of God's love and grace where you live and move and breathe?

In the Northwest Washington Synod, let us rejoice in this time when old and new things come together. Now is the time that the Spirit is opening us up to new possibilities. Now is the time for listening and collaboration and being in community. Now is the time when we both hold that which we already love and, at the same time, open our hands in order to receive other gifts of promise and wonder.

The dirt, the soil that we are becomes holy ground when God is present. God's seeds of grace fall indiscriminately into the lives of all God's children, into the rocky, thorny, barren and fertile soil of our lives and ministries. The outcome of this gracious sowing cannot be known immediately. One never knows what may come of decadent grace. And yet, day by day, the Sower sows in wild graciousness. And we receive. Together.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org



From the VEEP: “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.” Galatians 3:27-28

Woven into God’s Story: NWWA Synod Assembly 2025.

My mother taught me to knit, crochet and embroider when I was a fairly young child. I was competent, but not passionate, and I did not have the patience to work on anything for a prolonged period of time. I still have one scarf that I started knitting decades ago, as well as a bunch of crocheted granny squares that were meant to be a baby blanket that I stored neatly in my closet but never completed. It wasn’t that I didn’t know how to complete them or have the

time - it was just taking too long, so I put them away for a later day. I think this might have been a bit disappointing to my mother who was very accomplished and made many intricately knit sweaters and dresses, as well as many very complex crochet projects. I just assumed the fiber arts gene had not been passed on to me.

However, as I grew older, I became somewhat more patient. When my son was a toddler, I took up counted cross stitch. He was an easy-going child and was content to sit on the floor near me telling stories while I stitched away. I started with simple patterns and larger weaves and slowly added more complicated and delicate work to my repertoire. Then, my daughter was born. She was an entirely different child who wanted interaction on a different scale than her brother. I put aside the cross stitch. Luckily, if the gene had missed me, it apparently got passed on to her. When she decided to learn to knit, I pulled my yarn out of the closet and gave it another shot. It soon became clear that knitting wasn’t really my jam, but I did start crocheting again. I started with simple patterns (mostly rectangles like scarves and blankets) that could be done quickly using only a few basic stitches. Six years ago, there was a call for prayer shawls for Synod Assembly. I added triangles to my repertoire. Slowly, I have graduated to hats and baby booties and more complex stitch patterns. I don’t think I’ll ever achieve the level of artistry of my mother’s creations, but patience and diligent work have led to a much wider range of skills.

This year our assembly theme is “Woven into God’s Story.” We are all the beautiful threads and yarns and fabrics that God uses to weave the wonderful tapestry of creation. God takes all these disparate parts and somehow makes them one. I’m glad that, unlike me, God has infinite patience and, like my mother, amazing artistry. As living yarn, we can appreciate how we twine and wrap and loop together. We can change the textures by our actions and interactions. Sometimes we rub other strands the wrong way and pieces begin to fray. Sometimes we wrap ourselves too closely together and we get knotted up. Sometimes we pull the threads too tightly and they break. Luckily, although we are the material in the tapestry, God is the creative artist. When we relax and let God work through us, amazing things can happen. If we are patient and allow God to untangle us and weave us together, we can truly become one.

As we approach Synod Assembly, look for the ways God is weaving us into God’s story. Rejoice in the infinite variety of color and texture of the strands that are our individual contributions to the tapestry. Be patient and open to the way God is forming and reforming us into the body of Christ for the sake of the world. Alleluia!

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

- Synod Executive Committee met April 10. Among other items, we appointed the members of the Reference and Council Committee and reviewed the proposed budget.
- CWA Voting Member Regional Informational Zoom: April 10
- DEIB Assessment: The Synod Equity Team began 1:1 conversations with synod leaders.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Spending Guidelines Snapshot

thru 3/31

	Mar 2025	YTD
General Offerings Received	\$ 24,377.82	\$ 59,570.44
Building Use	\$ 145.00	\$ 907.17
Interest - General Operating Fund	\$ 68.70	\$ 199.31
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	\$ 700.00	\$ 2,100.00
Total Income	\$ 25,291.52	\$ 62,776.92
Budgeted Expenses Paid	\$ 27,342.11	\$ 76,724.44
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 3,375.00
Total Expenses	\$ 28,467.11	\$ 80,099.44
Overage (Shortage)	\$ (3,175.59)	\$ (17,322.52)

Sunday Scripture Lessons for May 2025

May 4th: Third Sunday of Easter

- Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
 - Psalm 30
- Revelation 5:11-14
 - John 21:1-19

May 18th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 11:1-18
 - Psalm 148
- Revelation 21:1-6
 - John 13:31-35

May 11th: Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 9:36-43
 - Psalm 23
- Revelation 7:9-17
 - John 10:22-30

May 25th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 16:9-15
 - Psalm 67
- Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
 - John 14:23-29

THE GATHERING PLACE



NEEDING 5-6 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PREPARE & SERVE THE UPCOMING MEAL ON June 5, 2025

2025 dates for Camano Lutheran Church to prepare, cook and serve a meal at

The Gathering Place ** Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stanwood.

Thursday, June 5 * Thursday, August 14 * Thursday, December 4

Meal prep begins @ 3:30, Doors open @ 4:30, Serving begins @ 5:00, Cleanup @ 6:00

It's not necessary for you to be present the entire time, but if you'd like to come and help, please
let Susann E. Hendrickson 425-330-3702 know!

Since its inception 17+ years ago, this TOTALLY free program has been open to anyone who would
like to eat a nutritious meal, have lively conversation and meet new people.

**PASS THE WORD AROUND THE COMMUNITY!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS TO COME AND
ENJOY A FREE MEAL, SOME CONVERSATION & MEET NEW PEOPLE!**

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

THIS IS A STANDING INVITATION THAT ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF THE EVENTS AT ANY OF THE CHURCHES. Remember, we are STRONGER TOGETHER. Stillaguamish Cluster - There are many opportunities for the six 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.

****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 churches.

SKY youth gathering will be at Our Savior's Lutheran <https://www.oslc-everett.com/>
When: Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 5:00pm - 8:00pm
215 W Mukilteo Blvd. Everett, WA 98203 425.252.0413. Pastor, Rev Deborah Squires

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 4th. Please sign up ASAP by contacting Mary Fuentes (Peace Lutheran) or ANY of the PASTORS of the cluster churches.

****OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – Arlington**

MEN'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION - May 14 and 28th, 10 AM in the Narthex. Second & Fourth Wednesdays - We exchange stories, drink some java, and eat some pastries. For more information, please contact Jim Kjargaard.

COFFEE, CONVERSATION First Thursday's –Join us Thursday, 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.

PHOEBE CIRCLE - May 15, 10 AM in the OSLC classroom

NSCO LAUNDRY PROJECT grab and go meals for the food insecure - meal prep and delivery May 20

OSLC MISSION CIRCLE QUILTING GROUP - May 6 and 20, 9 - noon in the OSLC modular building.

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Cluster Corner

****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. Meets the third Saturday of the month.

Contact Bill Hogland at (425) 501-4112. IllumanofWA.org

****PEACE LUTHERAN – Silvana**

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.

Today's Issues - actively seeking ways to become intentional in support of immigrant brothers and sisters. For consideration: updating our nondiscrimination policy, declaring private spaces, how to respond to ICE, explore ways to provide financial, emotional and practical support for immigrant families in the community who may be impacted by deportation. Peace members and those from our sister churches are invited to participate in these discussions. Watch your local bulletins for upcoming meetings!

Book Club - open to any interested folks! Whether you decide to have a good read without joining us for discussion or participate in some lively conversation. May meeting - Tuesday, May 27 @ Peace 6:00 pm

Further information, contact church office or Karen Dicken—quilter@wavecable.com

Our May book is "Anxious People" – a fiction book by Fredrik Backman (author of "A Man Called Ove")

A real estate open house becomes a life or death situation when a failed bank robber takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can't fix their own marriage. There's a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can't seem to agree on anything. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world.

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Cluster Corner

****FREEBORN LUTHERAN – Stanwood**

PENTACOST SUNDAY – Sunday, 8 June – 125 Anniversary Celebration 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.

****CAMANO LUTHERAN – Camano Island**

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.

Quilters – Monday morning in the Pioneer Hall at 9:00 am. Come when you can; leave when you must.

Ladies (and men invited too!) to help cut, sort, pin, tie, pack, assemble quilts, baby kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Thursday of the month. 12:30 – 2:30 pm. May 8th 2025

TOPS – For 75 years, TOPS Club has helped people take off, and keep off, the weight, doing things by the book such as healthy living from the inside, out. It's a holistic approach to wellness. No fad diets. No gimmicks. No shortcuts. Every Thursday – 8:00 am

Camano Lutheran Church Preschool – In 1979, Camano Lutheran Preschool started as a gift to the community. This ministry has provided countless children of different generations with a loving, nurturing and educational environment, preparing them to take their first steps in their academic journey and equipping them with the social skills necessary to forge meaningful relationships and develop fruitful Cohabits to help them later in life. Local changes have resulted in significantly shrinking enrollment making it financially impossible to sustain the quality of the program that has fueled our reputation. After 46 years of dedicated service to our community, upon the graduation of Preschool classes in May 2025, the Preschool will no longer operate. We feel confident God will direct us to new ministry ways to utilize our building and people to benefit the community while we honor the past and embrace the future with hope and gratitude.

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Cluster Corner

**** BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH – Marysville**

Coffee & Conversation - Wednesdays at 1pm in the Narthex. This is a social group open to anyone. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage, relax, and enjoy new and different topics every week.

Sunday Supper at BLC - Bringing together a coalition of churches and volunteers with a shared purpose: To provide a nourishing meal and a place of belonging for those who need it most. These services are free and open to everyone, every Sunday at times specified below.

HOT MEAL --- 3-4 PM SHOWER --- 2-6 PM LAUNDRY --- 2-6 PM

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BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

May 2025

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 waitlist.

Camp programs and activities include:

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

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.

For more information see: camplutherwood.org

Mother's Day Weekend

2025 | 26th Annual CAMANO ISLAND STUDIO TOUR

produced by the Camano Arts Association

Mother's Day Weekend

May 9, 10, 11 10am - 5pm

Encore Weekend

May 17, 18 10am - 5pm



Who we are...

Camano Arts Association (CAA) is a non-profit composed of artists and art advocates.

Our Vision...

An association which enriches the lives and culture of the greater community through visual arts

Our Mission...

Contribute to and enhance our local creative community and economy.

<https://camanoarts.org/>

2025 | CAA PRESENTS the 26th ANNUAL
**CAMANO ISLAND
STUDIO TOUR**
Art lives on Camano Island and in Stanwood

By Doug Landreth
Photographic fine-art, "In the late afternoon"

Mother's Day Weekend MAY 9-10-11 10am - 5pm	Encore Weekend MAY 17-18 10am - 5pm
camanostudiotour.com	

Thursday May 15th - Graduation for Preschool

Thursday, May 15th, at 6 pm will be the 2025 preschool program,
for the 20 students.

This will be the close of an era,
as the Preschool has been operating for 46 Years.
It would be wonderful if the room was full of all of us
showing them our love.
So if you can please come!





Greetings from the Preschool

I am sitting here in my office enjoying the warm radiance of the spring sunshine. It has been so nice to take the children outside and play since coming back from our spring break and we are so grateful for the warmer weather and the gift of blue skies.

As the end of the school year is getting closer and closer I am working on focusing on one thing each day I can be grateful for. Today there are two things, the warmth of the sunshine and the laughter of the children I can hear. I can't think of many things that make my heart feel as much joy as the delightful sound of the laughter and play of little ones. If you ever feel discouraged, find a way to watch and listen to children at play. Their imaginations, their delight in bugs and flowers, their sweet laughter as they invent games and chase each other around, all remind me of their innocence and joy in the simple things.

Paul tells us in Philippians 4:8 ...whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy— think about such things. Sometimes I need to be reminded of these simple joys. Sometimes I need to shift my focus.

Lord Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice that we have just finished celebrating. Help us to focus on the beauty that surrounds us and the joy in the sights and sounds of your creation. Help us to be like little children when we come to you, Fill our hearts with your joy and fill our memories with all the good things you have given us that we need to recognize and be grateful for.

In His Service—Carol Lawrence

Camano Lutheran Preschool



Women's Bible Study



WOMEN'S BIBLE
—STUDY—

Women's Bible Study

Second Thursday of the month

Between 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

All Are Welcome!

Help Wanted!

The Property Maintenance Team needs volunteers.

We are thankful to have our mowing crew for the season and appreciate those who water the plants throughout the summer.

We are looking for individuals who can lend a hand with other maintenance tasks around Camano Lutheran Church. Please let us know if you can share your time and "fix-it" skills.

You could volunteer for specific tasks or to be "on call" as needed, especially when our current Team of 2 (Dan and Jim) are away.

Tasks range from unplugging toilets, painting, washing windows, power washing the sidewalks and courtyard, pruning shrubs, and...whatever comes up. Our monthly report shows some of the usual tasks.

Contact the Church Office or Dan Bauermeister if you can help out.

Thank you!

Dan: 509-528-9170

GRIEF SUPPORT 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!

April 2025 Notes From The Property Maintenance Team

The early Spring work tasks included:

Monitored the replacement of the electrical furnace under Pioneer Hall by Stilly River Mechanical. Heating has been restored to the Chappel.

Unplugged a couple clogged toilets.

Replaced flickering fluorescent tube in the Child Care office.

Swept leaves and other debris off the roofs above the Fellowship Hall and office spaces.

Cleaned all the gutters around that same building area.

Continued to spray for ants in the Fellowship Hall.

Sprayed parking lot to kill the growth amongst the cracks

Sprayed the gravel area in court yard by entrance to basement

Pruned hydrangeas

Weekly mowing the church grounds began.

A separate message has been submitted to this issue of the Dove requesting assistance from anyone who might be interested in joining our group. One of our most difficult tasks is just around the corner when sadly we will assemble and disassemble the stage for the last Pre-School graduation.

This year's ceremony will be on Thursday May 15th, the assembly of the stage is usually the week before (probably Monday May 5th), and the disassembly will be the day after (Friday May 16th).

More info to follow.

As a side note, if anyone might be interested, we could also use a little help operating the audio system for the Fellowship Hall services. If you can recall operating an old stereo system back in your youthful days, this one is a piece of cake.

Stay safe, and stay healthy.

Your friendly Property Management Team





In April, the teachers celebrated the Easter holiday with their class through activities, crafts, and stories.

Mother's Day is coming up and the children will be making adorable gifts for the mother figures in their lives.

We are also excited for the Library on Wheels to join us on May 8th.

The classes will be able to swap out books and listen to a story read by the librarian.

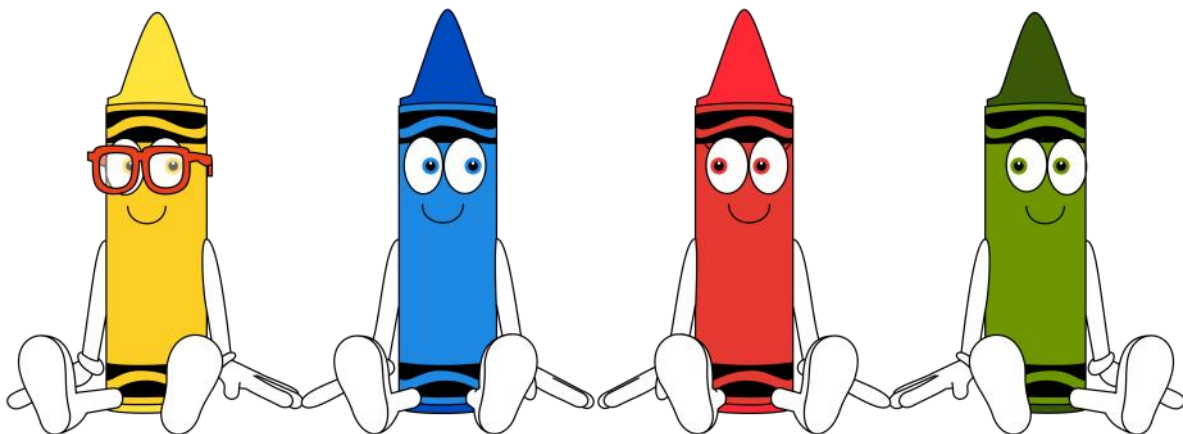
Now that it is May, we are shifting gears from spring break and looking forward to the upcoming summer months.

Ashli French

Interim Childcare Director

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March 21, 2025



Thank You!

March 14, 2025

Camano Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$382.25 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

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*CAN'T WAIT TO VISIT YOU ALL AGAIN!
-KEVIN*

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This, and all of our other services, are only available because of the generous support that donors like you provide for our patients to receive the care they need.
Thank you, again. *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 or 360-722-6666.

Mother's Day 2025 - May 11th



Wishing You a Wonderful Day

Sending this, Mom,
Especially to say
Wishing you a happy
And wonderful day...
And to tell you this day
Will always be one
For remembering the many
Sweet things you have done!

- Anon

THANK YOU!



Health. Justice. Hope.



Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of \$75.00 on 03/17/2025 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) 816-3270 advancement@lcsnw.org



April 10, 2025

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March 5, 2025

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

Thank You

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$50.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."
-John 1:16*

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

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. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind
Executive for Development

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

Thank you



Birthdays May

1st Frances Schlagel	14th Kevin Teichgrab
1st Grace Dorsey	17th Merritt Baker
2nd Maci Larsen	18th John Floyd
4th Diane Weir	19th Max Reep
7th David Mark	20th Allison Vogue
11th Daniel Bauermeister	23rd Ed Crow
13th RuthAnn Gilbertson	23rd Velda Holt
14th Mary Westerman	30th Laurin Vance
14th Sharon Gresli	

Anniversaries May

12th Ivan & Darlene Miller
22nd John Amell & 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

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, Paul and Dorcy Nueman, Posie Siebold, Brandon, Mario, Bob, Kurt, Annie, Pam, Jack and Kelley, Angela and her FEMA colleagues, Jessica, Neil Weir, Rozlyn Rachel, Ed Crow, Carolyn Griffin

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

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 6pm Lit Lab	2 6:30pm AA	3 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
4 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	5 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	6 5pm Girl Scouts	7 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6:30pm Confirmation	8 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	9 6pm Boy Scout Spring Bazaar set up 6:30pm AA	10 8am Boy Scout Spring Bazaar 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
11 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	12 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 3pm Care Team 4 pm Stewardship 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scouts (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/ Luther	13 5pm Girl Scouts	14 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6:30pm Confirmation	15 Dove Articles Due 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 6 pm Preschool graduation 7pm Council Meeting	16 6:30pm AA Synod Assembly	17 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon Synod Assembly
18 10am In Person Worship Service 1pm Mary Munson 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	19 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	20 5pm Girl Scouts	21 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6:30pm Confirmation	22 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew 10am Worship & Music	23 6:30pm AA	24 8am AA 9:45am AA Business Meeting 10:30am Al-Anon
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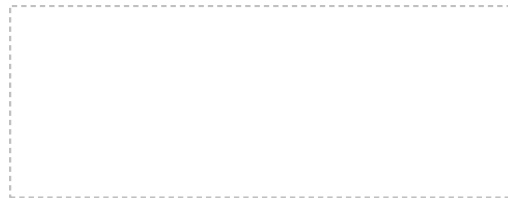
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