



Camano Lutheran Church

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Camano Lutheran Dove

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Reflections with Pastor Scott



“But as he considered this, behold, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying ‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” Matthew 1:20-23

Can you imagine being Joseph and all the doubt going through his mind and the pain he must have felt and betrayal when he learned Mary was with child and he knew it wasn't his? While you may not be able to know exactly what he was feeling, I am almost certain most everyone reading this article has felt betrayal or pain or had doubts run through their mind. In fact, many of you may have experienced all three at one time or another.

It is into this reality that God breaks in and assures Joseph that God is doing something new, something he never imagined before. Something new that would be a gift for him, for Mary and for all the world. However, just as this baby's coming was not without pain or doubt for Mary and Joseph, so our world is not without pain or doubt or betrayal of one kind or another throughout its history, including now.

This Advent Christmas season reminds us that we are never without hope and assurance of God being with us. God shows up at Christmas in a most unexpected way and births something new. May our hearts trust in the God of all history: The God who called Abraham and Sarah and kept the promises made to them. The God who delivered Joseph and his family from great famine. The God who stuck with the people of Israel even though they wanted a King to lead them versus trusting the God that had kept them safe. The God who restored the people of Israel to their homeland after their exile in Babylon and showed up in the flesh of a child. Even now, God is with us, Christ is with us. That's his name, Emmanuel, God with us.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,

Pastor Scott

Just a reminder we will have Advent midweek services,

Holden Evening Prayer December 4, 11 and 18 at 7pm in the small sanctuary.

Soup suppers are beforehand at 6pm.

Come celebrate our truest hope, God with us.

From the Bishop:

December 2024



Dear Beloveds,

This is but the beginning of the birth pangs ... Mark 13:8

There are a lot of stories about women and pregnancy and motherhood in the Bible. To list some of these women off the top of my head, and in no particular order: Hannah, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Eve, Hagar, Rebekah, Jochebed, Rachel, Tamar, Bathsheba, Ruth, and all those unnamed women - Manoa's wife, the Shunammite woman, the widow of Zarephath, and more, I'm sure.

I think that there is a tendency to over-spiritualize these women's stories – or, honestly, to just pass over them because we know the outcome of their pregnancies (and so often we memorize their sons' stories instead of theirs). We know Hannah had Samuel the prophet ... but we might forget she fiercely prayed and wrestled with God for a child. We know that

Jochebed had Moses ... but we might forget how she gave him away (actually placed him in a basket and sailed him down a river) to save him and then pretended to be someone else in order to raise him. We know that Bathsheba had Solomon ... but we might forget the messiness and horror that came before his birth – how she became pregnant with her first son and how he died early in life and later how she maneuvered to get Solomon on the throne.

And then there are the two pregnancies in Advent:

- Elizabeth. Old menopausal wrinkled-up Elizabeth who is surprisingly with child. Elizabeth who gets both startled and assured when her baby kicks for the first time as she greets expectant Mary on her doorstep.
- Mary. Young Mary who is so often depicted in art and literature and even theology as being passive and demure. As being above such things as having spinach between her teeth or toilet paper stuck to her shoe or anything that goes along with being human. We don't hear of her having cravings or swollen ankles or heartburn or a growing belly. But, surely, she did. How could she not as she carried our Savior within her?

Advent is sometimes depicted as a waiting time. As a time when we are anticipating something coming towards us. We often say that "Christmas is coming" or "Christ will come again."

But isn't Advent also a movement time. A time that changes and expands, stretches and swells. A time when there is kicking and motion. A time that is exciting but also terrifying. A time that is anticipatory but also unknown. A time when something is growing inside but cannot be seen ... yet.

As I write this, the 2024 election happened a week ago. For half of the country, the outcome was devastating. For the other half, it was welcomed. Personally, I am trying to understand what this means for so many. Truly, I am concerned and broken-hearted when I think of the campaign promises that were made and the potential actions to so many vulnerable communities. The possible scenarios can make you stop and weep and fall on your knees exhausted.

But here's the thing: Regardless of the outcome of the election, we are an Advent people. Like Hannah, we pray to God. Like Jochebed, we act to save those whose very lives are at risk. Like Bathsheba, we name and work for the well-being of those we love. Like Elizabeth, we clasp our bellies and feel the Spirit moving within us. Like Mary, we lift our heads high and we cry out against injustice and tyranny and we lift up those who are marginalized, hated, and oppressed.

In this Advent / Pregnant / Gestation time, as we wait and act, grow and stretch, move and expect, as we deeply yearn for this new life that is coming, may these women's stories fill us with fortitude and courage, and may Jesus – the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God With Us – bring the promises of hope, peace, joy, and love to completion in this beautiful and broken world. May these birth pangs bring a new world into being.

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From the VEEP:

Blessed be the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ, who with great mercy gave us new birth: a birth into hope, which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in haven for you. (1 Peter 1:3-4 – The Inclusive Bible)

As we enter the season of Advent, we turn our thoughts to preparing for the coming of the Christ child. Stories will be told of the angels visiting Elizabeth and Mary and the miracle of a virgin conceiving and bearing a child. We will sing hymns and prepare the way for the glorious arrival. Christmas is just around the corner! This year, however, I'd like to step back a bit and consider this miracle from a slightly different perspective. While participating in The LiVE Project's Faith in Public Life class this fall, I was challenged to look for images of God that are outside the traditional, often masculine ones. In doing so, it occurred to me that the most nonmale imagery connected to God is related to pregnancy and childbirth. Therefore, I'd like to take a bit of time to consider the maternal aspects of God, starting with the pregnancy of Mary.

To me, the miracle of Jesus' birth isn't that a virgin bore a child, it is that God chose to be born at all. After all, God is a creator - God is THE creator - and could have entered our mortal world through any act of creation. Instead, God chose to be a procreator and the difference is significant. When one creates, it is from material outside of oneself - for example, Geppetto making Pinocchio out of wood or Michaelangelo creating David out of marble. Procreation, on the other hand, is creating out of oneself. As we say in the Nicene creed, "begotten, not made." Rather than remain separate from creation, God chooses to be born into it, "true God from true God." Some of God's own self enters into Mary and begins to grow. This act of procreation is a miracle indeed, and because God as Spirit exists outside our gendered understanding of the world, we have the freedom to imagine God as 'progenitor' or 'parent' rather than the masculine 'father.'

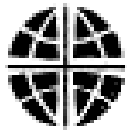
Where else do we see pregnancy and birth symbolism in the life and teachings of Jesus? Jesus uses a birth metaphor to describe how we enter into the kingdom of God- transforming from creatures to children. He tells Nicodemus that "no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." When asked how that can be so, since we cannot enter our mothers' wombs a second time, Jesus replies, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." (John 3: 3-5) Here we also have the Holy Spirit acting as procreator and birthing us into new life – another maternal aspect of God.

Nurture is another trait with maternal connotations. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, nurture as a verb means to supply with nourishment. I suspect one reason we associate nurture with women is because they are our first source of food, both in the womb and immediately following birth. Throughout scripture, Jesus uses food metaphors to describe himself. He is the bread of life, the true food and drink, the bread that came down from heaven. He says that "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, ... for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them." (John 6: 41- 56) Although I understand the Eucharist is meant to remind us of Jesus' sacrificial death, I think it is also reasonable to see being nourished by Christ's body and blood through a less cannibalistic, more maternal lens - an approach that certainly draws on more feminine imagery. We have all, Jesus included, been nourished by the body and blood of our mothers while growing in the womb.

As we work to dismantle racism and sexism in our religious institutions, it is important go beyond the traditional white male image of God that has been prevalent in the church for so long. Expanding how we view the rites and rituals of the church is one step we can take. This brings me back to Mary's pregnancy and God being procreator rather than creator. Jesus is begotten, not made, and therefore grows in Mary's womb, nourished by her body and blood. Once born, he grows and is nourished by the other gifts of creation, as all humans are. In death, he becomes the mother womb in which we abide, nourished by his body and blood as we prepare to be born of water and the Spirit as true children of God. No longer mere creations, but joint heirs with Christ, given new birth into a living hope.

Blessed Advent to you all!

Here is what the Synod Council or I have been up to in November: November 1-8: Synod Prayer Vigils; November 4: Met with Churchwide leadership about the Bishop Call Process; November 7: God's Love Made Real Region 1 Zoom with Bp. Eaton; November 16: Synod Council Meeting: Among other things we approved several items related to Synod Assembly and acted on recommendations from our Grants Task Force and Policy Review Team; November 23: Synod Vice Presidents' Zoom - this month we welcomed a guest speaker addressing ELCA Social Statements and Messages.
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November 2024

Grace and Peace to you, faithful people of the Northwest Washington Synod!

"I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

The theme of our 2024 Synod Assembly, "We Lift Our Eyes," was taken from the above referenced passage. We wanted to shift our gaze from ourselves and our own self-interest to instead see our neighbors, especially those who often go unseen, and watch for what God is up to in the world. When we lift our eyes, we see where our help comes from. Our help comes from the Lord acting through our hands and hearts. We are so blessed here in the Northwest Washington Synod with an abundance of glad and generous hearts. We are generous with our time, our talents, and our treasure.

Please take a moment to thank your congregation for the ways in which it contributes to the mission of the synod. Mission Support monies allow our synod staff to support new ministries, assist congregations in transition, and provide faith formation resources. This year, we are especially excited about the variety of timely and robust offerings from LIVE (Living into Vocational Engagement) regarding Faith in Public Life. The 2024 Synod Assembly also amended the synod budget to bring our synod staff closer to our compensation guidelines. We count on your mission support dollars to meet this new bar.

We are also grateful for gifts of time and talents, volunteers working tirelessly to serve, nurture, and love those in need. We give thanks for the hands that knit or crochet warm hats and sew quilts, that build tiny houses and prepare food, that plant seeds and harvest crops, and that bind wounds with patience and gentleness. We give thanks for those who teach, coach, mentor, counsel, and otherwise sustain the weary with a word.

Enclosed is your quarterly statement for the Mission Support monies that have been received in our synod. As you review this statement for accuracy, please consider your congregation's financial support of God's work through the NWWA Synod in the upcoming months. We look forward to your continued generosity and support.

Yours in Christ,

Kay Edgerton

· NWWA Synod Vice President

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Spending Guidelines Snapshot

10/31

	Oct 2024	YTD
General Offerings Received	\$ 22,810.30	\$ 219,648.02
Building Use	\$ 455.00	\$ 3,583.62
Interest - General Operating Fund	\$ 94.45	\$ 1,245.97
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	\$ 580.00	\$ 6,380.00
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
Total Income	\$ 24,189.75	\$ 232,607.61
Budgeted Expenses Paid	\$ 21,198.79	\$ 235,513.32
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 10,090.00
Total Expenses	\$ 22,207.79	\$ 245,603.32
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 1,981.96	\$ (12,995.71)

Sunday Scripture Lessons for December 2024

December 1st: First Sunday of Advent

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Luke 21:25-36

December 8th: Second Sunday of Advent

- Malachi 3:1-4
- Luke 1:68-79
- Philippians 1:3-11
- Luke 3:1-6

December 15th: Third Sunday of Advent

- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Isaiah 12:2-6
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18

December 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Micah 5:2-5a
- Luke 1:46b-55
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

December 29th: First Sunday of Christmas

- 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 - Psalm 148
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Luke 2:41-52



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BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

December 2024

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Below you will find some of the popular items people purchase for the ELCA GOOD GIFTS Program. This is a way to be a blessing to others during this Christmas season when so much is consumed and purchased that isn't always truly needed. These, your gifts, can change a life and a community.

We will have a tree up with tags. Take the one you want, fill out your name and place it in the offering plate. This way we can keep track of what we have done as a congregation. There are also some blank tags as you may decide to purchase something else from the Good gifts catalogue. Simply write on the blank side what you purchased and the amount.

You can also google [ELCA.org/ Good Gifts](http://ELCA.org/Good Gifts) to see other possibilities for giving or find a catalogue in the narthex at church. You can donate on line or write a check to the church and in the memo put ELCA Good gifts and what gift you are purchasing and this will be sent in from the church to the ELCA GOOD GIFTS Program. If you do donate online, please let the church know what you have donated. Again, while we won't show names or those who donated, we will keep track of all donations and share what we did as a congregation in January.

POPULAR GIFTS



Chicks

\$10



Goat

\$50



Cow

\$500



**Stock a backpack
with food**

\$10



**Feed 10 people at a
soup kitchen**

\$20



**Farmers' field school
for a woman**

\$75

NOVEMBER 2024 NOTES FROM THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TEAM

This past month the Property Management Team has observed, supervised, or completed the following tasks:

A small amount of water was detected on the floor of the kitchen in Pioneer Hall after a heavy rainstorm. A leak from the roof was discovered in the attic and a bucket was placed under the source until a roofer can repair it.

Since we now have a modern, comprehensive fire detection warning system throughout our buildings, a special key box has been installed at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall that will allow the Fire Department access in case of an alarm.

Replaced the screws that came out of one of the hinges to a gate for the Dumpsters during heavy winds.

It appears we have reached the end of the mowing season, but now the leaves have to be cleared from the courtyard each week.

A door latch face plate for one of double doors into the Fellowship Hall was adjusted so the main door fully closes.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving as we prepare for a busy December.

Jim & Dan



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT - WAYS TO GIVE

Stewardship Moment – *Ways to Give*

Did you know?

IRAs:

- If you are at least 70 ½ years young you can contribute funds directly from your IRA to Camano Lutheran Church.
- This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution or QCD.
- Such amounts are excluded from your taxable income up to \$105,000 per calendar year.
- A lower taxable income may have significant tax advantages for you, including reducing or avoiding Medicare premium IRMAA surcharges.
- Most IRA trustees will transfer funds on a regular schedule per your request – i.e. monthly, quarterly, semi-annually.
- You may ask our bookkeeper (Teresa) to report your contribution in one lump sum or evenly over a specified number of months.
- Furthermore, you may designate how the funds are to be applied – i.e. general offering, building maintenance & repair fund or a specific benevolence.

Appreciated Stock:

- You may donate appreciated stock to Camano Lutheran Church.
- Contact our bookkeeper for instructions on executing a stock transfer directly into Camano Lutheran's brokerage account.
- A direct transfer avoids the capital gain realized if the stock had been sold.
- We will liquidate the stock and transfer the money to our general cash account.
- You may designate how the funds are to be applied – i.e. general offering, building maintenance & repair fund or a specific benevolence.

Online Giving:

- Online giving is convenient, easy, time-saving and resource conscious.
- Use it for single donations or to set up scheduled auto payments – e.g. weekly or monthly
- Your scheduled auto payment may be split between General Offerings, Building Repair & Maintenance Fund, Benevolence of the Month (BOM) and church planting.
- To give online go to <https://www.camanolutheranchurch.org/> and click the Donate button.

This article is not intended to provide tax, investment or legal advice. Please consult your investment and/or tax advisor to find out how these options fit your individual situation.

Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team

The LIVE Project

The LIVE Project. Go to lutheransnw.org. Scroll down to the Synod **LiVE Project** toward the bottom on the left-hand side. Click on the picture and you can find several opportunities to engage. If you find a study or event you want to be involved in, use the code **LIVEBUNDLE2024** when you register and your event is free.

Stanwood Camano Food Bank

The last Sunday of the month Camano Lutheran Church have donation towards Stanwood Camano Food Bank!

In the month of October Camano Lutheran Church donated 120 pounds dry goods.



CLC Quilting Group

Willing Hands Wanted

The size of our CLC quilting group has diminished, and we need help. No special skill is needed. If you can sew, great! But if you can measure, mark, pin, cut, or tie, you will be welcomed. (Even Naomi is able to tie!) The quilts we make are strictly utilitarian. They are sent by Lutheran World Relief all over the world to people in need. Our goal is to complete at least 80 quilts every spring and fall. We meet in Pioneer Hall every Monday morning from 9-12 (with a long coffee break) and would appreciate more hands to help us.



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.”

Come join us on the third Monday of each month at 2pm at the Leque residence
718 State Highway 532. Questions?

Call Linda at (907) 500-8706.

All are welcome !

CAMANO LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL November 2024



Greetings from the Preschool

Do you ever feel like you bit off a little more than you can chew? Well this past two weeks, that has been me. We did two separate fund raiser for the preschool and well, my planning wasn't probably the best. I guess that is how life is sometimes. We think we have it all under control and then BAM! It is a lot more than we anticipate. Aren't you glad that God brings special people along side of us to lend a hand and support us when we over extend ourselves. I want to say a huge thank-you to my staff. Ashli French, Amber Kintner, and Marilyn Smith set up and took down our back ground for the Santa pictures, not once but twice. They made sure that the little details were not missed and the Santa picture day was perfect. Marilyn Smith donated a huge gift of Christmas ornaments to sell and Ashli French, did so much work on setting up online registrations and payments, taking pictures and air dropping pictures to the families as soon as they were taken. Amazing! With out these ladies it would never have happened.

I also want to thank Joan Bauermeister and Annie Stein for coming to help us during the day. These wonderful women greeted and help in so many ways. We had the most amazing Santa - who made the day special for all of the children and families that joined us.



CAMANO LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL November 2024



During this same time period we ran our Annual Butter Braid Fundraiser. A huge thank you to all of the families in the preschool who supported this effort as well as so many of the Camano Lutheran Church family. What a

blessing it is to have so many people participate with us and help us raise funds for the Preschool program.

We now begin the preparations for our Annual Christmas Pageant. Each year we showcase our little ones with music they have learned and share the Biblical Christmas story. If you have never been to one of the preschool performances, you really should take the time. The joy that these little ones have and share is contagious. They fill our hearts with love and laughter as they, mostly for the first time, stand in front of a crowd of people and sing their little hearts out. They make us laugh and smile as they excitedly wave to mom and dad, and their little personalities shine. Some are shy and it is very intimidating, others are excited and exuberant. It is a very special time for the children, families and the staff that work hard to teach the children.

The program will be here at Camano Lutheran Church December 17th at 6:00 pm

So as we prepare for Thanksgiving, I would like to pause again and thank the families of our preschool students, for trusting us with their most precious gifts from God. I would like to thank the congregants of Camano Lutheran Church for their support in allowing us to share this with the families. But most of all I want to take time to thank God for His Amazing Grace and Love each and every day.

In His Service

Carol Lawrence

Director—Camano Lutheran Preschool



CHILDCARE CORNER November 2024

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CHILDCARE



"Season's Greetings!

I wanted to take some time to introduce myself. My name is Stephanie, and I am the new Director for the Childcare Program here at CLC. I started at the end of October and am continuing to acclimate myself to the position and the community here at CLC. I have been working closely with children for the last 7 and a half years and am excited for this latest opportunity. I have a 6-and-a-half-year-old son named Jaxon and a new baby girl we are expecting in February. I lived in the Stanwood area during middle and high school and actually worked here as a teacher's aide as a teenager. Since then, I have moved out of town but continue to find myself gravitating back to this area.

For this December my goal is to bring the Holiday spirit here to the Childcare. We will have the kids help us decorate for the season by focusing on holiday arts and crafts as well as learning the meaning of giving. I have heard that we previously participated in creating health kits, food drives and toy drives here at the center, and I hope to get that going again this year! That being said, if there are any canned foods or toys you are willing to donate, please feel free to drop it by the center anytime we are open between 7am-5:30pm. If you drop it off between 930am-330pm any day of the week please stop by the office and introduce yourself, as I would love to meet you. The deadline for donations will likely be Wednesday 12/18 so we have time to take the donations to the Food Bank.

December will be a short month for us as we will be closed starting on Christmas Eve through the New Year, with the center reopening on January 3rd.

Merry Christmas,

Stephanie Smith

Camano Lutheran Childcare"



Quilt Blessing 2024



Beautiful Quilts that Camano Lutheran Church's wonderful Quilters group has made during 2024. Monday after Reformation Sunday's Worship the quilts were carefully put in packages to get out for delivery. During the time for putting all the quilts in to boxes, the quilters had help from some of their spouses that always lend a helping hand.

This amazing group of women is looking for more helping hands that are interested in quilting or if you just want to join a friendly group of people that have a great time together while they are helping others in need.



Every Monday 9 - 12 the Quilters meet in Pioneer Hall. The quilts they make are strictly utilitarian. They are sent by Lutheran World Relief all over the world to people in need. The Quilters goal is to complete at least 80 quilts every spring and fall.

This year 2024 the Quilters made 140 quilts in total.

The Quilters group has also put together 146 personal care kits and 60 baby kits.



Reformation Sunday



Quilt and Kit News

Quilt and Kit News--

Thanks to all who contributed to the shipment of quilts, baby care kits, and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief this fall. Our twice-yearly shipments of donations requires time and money—and some talent. A special thanks to Dan and Joan Baumeister who—as they do every spring and fall—packed and weighed our boxes of quilts and kits. With help from Arlyn, they then loaded all the boxes onto their pickup and transported everything to Seattle. There the quilts and kits are put in containers and usually make their journey to Baltimore where they are shipped as needed overseas. This fall, however, help was needed in our own country. Lutheran World Relief sent this information:

Since Hurricanes Milton and Helene devastated the Southeast, 10 shipping containers of Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits were sent to hard-hit areas across North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee in record time. These shipments included more than 60,000 handmade quilts plus hygiene and baby-care items and school supplies.

Everyone can continue to help by donating items or money for items. We purchase most items in bulk with help from Thrivent grants and individual contributions. Especially needed now are baby sleepers Size 6-18 months (shop thrift stores for these) and soap. Every kit has two bars of soap. That's a lot of soap! The bars must be at least 4 ounces. Dial is best because it can be used in both personal care kits and baby care kits. Look for specials.

Also, join us Monday mornings 9-12 to help work on the quilts.

(We take a long coffee break!)

Camano Lutheran Church Women

STORYTELLING AND SWEETS - SAVE THE DATE - January 11, 2025

Acclaimed Storyteller, Debbie Dimitre entertains at CLC

Camano Lutheran Church Women are starting the 2025 New Year with a Saturday afternoon trio of (1) engaging fellowship, (2) exceptional entertainment, and (3) delicious refreshments. Women who are members of or attend Camano Lutheran mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 11 from 2 to 4 pm**. This exclusively-for-women event will feature a storytelling performance by acclaimed actress Debbie Dimitre, a delicious dessert buffet with beverages, and will be free of charge.

Storyteller and actress, Debbie Dimitre has inspired and educated audiences of all ages with her historical and storytelling presentations. Through the art of first-person portrayals and in a style that is uniquely her own, Debbie brings to life women and young girls in American history. She appears in costume and uses minimal props to introduce you to exceptional American women. In no time, Debbie will carry you back in history, and you'll believe that her character is speaking directly to you.

Some of her portrayals include such women as Harriet Beecher-Stowe, Nellie Bly, Eleanor Roosevelt, Annie Oakley, Grandma Moses, and Rachel Carson. (We haven't finalized which female character Debbie will portray for us.) Debbie has performed for historical societies, churches, professional women's groups, schools and colleges, and philanthropic and service organizations, just to name a few. She has performed for the Seattle Folklife Festival, served on a board of the Seattle Storytellers Guild, been a member of and performed for the Biblical Storytellers Network, and facilitated retreats.

Debbie's portrayal of these amazing people is an excellent opportunity to expose young women to American females who have made a positive and enduring difference in our country's history and our way of life. We would very much like this to be a multi-generational, wide-age-range event. Each CLC woman is encouraged to bring **one** female guest. While we'd love your guest to be at least one generation younger than yourself, the decision on whom you bring is entirely up to you.

Our gathering on the afternoon of Saturday, January 11 will certainly be fun and memorable. Stay tuned for more details about this event, which will be sent to you by email and will be in upcoming Sunday church bulletins.

Contact Carol Anne Sears with your questions.

The Gathering Place

Camano Lutheran Church is on the schedule to prepare, cook and serve the meal for The Gathering Place on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

On this particular date two of the usual participants will be recovering from surgery. In my absence, Barb Christenson (Our Saviors Lutheran Church) has agreed to plan the menu and oversee the preparation, cooking, serving and cleanup.

Generally there are 5-7 helpers; if anyone is interested in helping, 3-4 more helping hands would be appreciated – Thursday, December 5 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church (across from Josephine Caring Community/Sunset Home). Preparation usually starts about 3:40-3:45 and finished up by 6:00-6:10.

Thank you all for your participation in this long running ministry.

Advent Midweek Services



Advent Midweek Services

Come Join us December 4, 11, and 18

Holden Evening Prayer 7PM in small sanctuary

Soup Suppers 6pm



December 24 Christmas Eve worship

December 24 Christmas Eve worship

5:30 Candlelight Service in the Large Sanctuary

8pm Candlelight Service in the small sanctuary





Thank You!



Health. Justice. Hope.

October 28, 2022 - October 21, 2024

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

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

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

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

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

Again, thank you for designating this gift to Lutherwood!

In Christ,

Kevin Beebe
 Rev. Kevin Beebe
 Executive Director
 Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center

*THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH AN INSPIRE PARTNER!
 -Kevin*

P.S. Be on the lookout for 2025 events, including a new spring fundraiser meal at camp and Family Camp in July!

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$63.00 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 support makes a real difference.

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

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

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

Warm Regards,

Daniel V. Speckhard
 Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
 President and CEO

P.S. For the latest updates on how your generous gifts are reaching neighbors in need all over the world, I invite you stay in touch through our blog ([lwr.org/news](http://www.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 hav@lwr.org.

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of \$83.00 on 10/25/2024 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

11/18/24

Dear Members and Friends Of CLC:

God richly bless you all, if for no other reason than your sparkling generosity towards Family Promise of Skagit! This last fund raiser drew in nearly \$55,000 for the care of houseless children and their parents/care takers. Our contribution was a substantial amount of that goal. Thank you!

Across the spectrum of FP's programs, 45 families are currently accessing care and support. They say: Thank You!, too.

Peace Laurin Vance

*We wanted to take a moment to say thank you. Camano Lutheran has been so generous in your giving to the Community Resource Center. We could not do what we do without your support and it is a shared success. You have us encouraged. We look forward to our continued partnership.
 Thank you from the whole CRC 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.

All Saints Sunday



On this All Saints Sunday we remembered the Saints that have gone before us in this last year.

Bob Thomas, Bonnie Thomas, Leo Bietz, Pastor Paul Wietzke, Eric Lauer, Donnie Harang, Pat Major, Jerry Rifner and Georgie Sue Rifner



All Saints Sunday



MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024



WE
WISH YOU A
**Merry
Christmas**
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Stanwood January 5th

JANUARY 5TH | 2:30PM

Bronn Journey

Concert

BENEFITING THE CARING PLACE MINISTRY

Featuring Snohomish County's own Bronn Journey on the harp and you with your beautiful voice!

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SANCTUARY

No tickets or set ticket price but an offering to The Caring Place Ministry is suggested!



Birthdays December

6th Emily Staffenhagen
7th Cecilia Thiel
8th Teresa Luce
8th Jo Reed
9th Janet Mayer
11th Kathy Uroff
16th Irene Nelson
16th Carolyn Tobiason

17th Greta Satterfield
17th Alfred Hendrickson
24th Liz Paul
27th Irma Yee
28th Aaron Osburn
30th Julie Floyd



Anniversaries December

4th Bob & Dene Henderson
9th Karl & Mary Munson
16th Paul & Charlotte Shoup
17th Andy & Irma Yee
17th Rand & Gretchen Pigott
21st Chuck & Christie Kauffman

23rd Larry & Nadine Lien
31st James & Martha Schelle

* 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, Alexis, Janette, Mindy Rigney, Amy Kuniholm, Pat Thorsen, the family of Pastor Paul Wietzke, Kathy Walker, the family of Pat Major, the family of Bonnie Thomas, Posie Siebold, the family of Anette Hollingworth, Paul and Dorcy Nueman, the family of Vi Vanhorn

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.*

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10am In Person Worship Service</p> <p>5pm AI-Anon (Business Meeting)</p> <p>6pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>9:30am Children's Chapel</p> <p>5:45pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary</p> <p>6pm Soup Suppers</p> <p>7pm Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am TOPS</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>6pm Lit Lab</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6pm Thea Hanna</p> <p>6:30pm AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8am AA</p> <p>10:30am AI-Anon</p> <p>6pm Thea Hanna</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10am In Person Worship Service</p> <p>6pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>9:30am Children's Chapel</p> <p>2pm Grief Group Meeting</p> <p>4pm Stewardship and Finance</p> <p>5:45pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm Girl scout (Leader Meeting)</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>7pm Samplings w/ Luther</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary</p> <p>6pm Soup Suppers</p> <p>7pm Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8am TOPS</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study Luncheon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8am AA</p> <p>10:30am AI-Anon</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10am In Person Worship Service</p> <p>Dove Articles Due</p> <p>1pm Mary Munson</p> <p>6pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>9:30am Children's Chapel</p> <p>5:45pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Christmas Program Preschool</p> <p>5pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott</p> <p>10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary</p> <p>6pm Soup Suppers</p> <p>7pm Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8am TOPS</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>10am Dove Flight Crew</p> <p>5pm Lori Stevens</p> <p>7pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30pm AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8am AA</p> <p>10:30am AI-Anon</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10am In Person Worship Service</p> <p>6pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>9:30am Children's Chapel</p> <p>2pm Grief Group Meeting</p> <p>5:45pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:30pm Candlelight Service (Large Sanctuary)</p> <p>8pm Candlelight Service (Small Sanctuary)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Office Closed</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8am TOPS</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30pm AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8am AA</p> <p>10:30am AA Business Meeting</p> <p>10:30am AI-Anon</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10am In Person Worship Service</p> <p>FOOD BANK</p> <p>11am Monthly Coffee Hour Celebration</p> <p>5pm AI-Anon (Business Meeting)</p> <p>6pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am Facebook Live Devotions w/ Pastor Scott</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>9:30am Children's Chapel</p> <p>2pm Grief Group Meeting</p> <p>5:45pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5pm Girl Scouts</p>				



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