



Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

The MESSENGER

MISSION STATEMENT

So that ALL may know and serve God, our mission is to let the love of Christ shine brightly in our daily lives by being a welcoming, nurturing, and supportive community grounded in God's Word and Sacraments

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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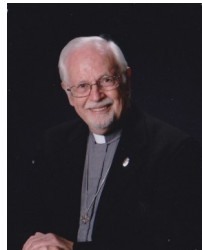
Joanne Hash, Senior Warden
Joe Castonguay, Junior Warden
Skip Hash, Stewardship
Cyndy Reynolds, Evangelism
Kim Elderkin & Samuel Peters
Hospitality and Events

Donna Wessel, Treasurer
Lu O'Leary, Office Administrator

**We are an inclusive,
welcoming community of
faith open to everyone**



NOTES FROM FR. PETE



Greetings all;

An update on the wearing of masks. Be sure that your mask covers both nose and mouth. Masks must be worn with face shields if shields are used. When you cough or sneeze, do NOT remove your mask when doing so. Wash your masks regularly with anti-bacterial soap."

Fr. Pete

BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT - SACRED GROUND

After our recent theft of lawn equipment, Andy and Donna have volunteered to mow, weed, and generally maintain the church yard including the Memorial Garden, and parking lot with their own equipment for as long as they are physically able. Andy and Donna will be working towards having the yard certified as a "Backyard Wildlife Habitat-Sacred Ground." In order to qualify one of the criteria is to maintain the yard in a chemical free, organic manner. Which means that you may see some weeds on occasion and the lawn will not be as green and lush as one might want, but no wildlife will have been harmed and no creeks or rivers will have been polluted. To learn more about this program go to National Wildlife Federation at this address: <https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/create> and watch this space for updates on how we (as a church) are progressing on this goal.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



Invite • Welcome • Connect

We are working on our annual Veteran's Day Bells of Peace program on Wednesday, November 11th, and a 'disabilities evening' in January. More information and details forthcoming. Please contact Cyndy if you are interested in volunteering for these events. The Episcopal Church is offering evangelism grants and we are applying for one to help us become better known in the greater community. Thanks to Matt Hornyak for working on this application.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

The Bishop's Committee will meet (tentatively) on Thursday, October 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please notify Fr. Pete if you have something for the agenda.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

What is stewardship?

Stewardship is an expression of gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings of life that come from God. It is love shared and love returned. A life lived in gratitude is a life lived in love. Practically, it means making gifts of financial resources as well as time and abilities to support the mission and ministry of the parish. This November we will kick-off our annual Stewardship Campaign. Look for bulletin announcements with more information.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

~Peace Prayer of St. Francis

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group meets each Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm. We have a brown bag lunch, reading and reflections, followed by an outreach activity. Our focus is spiritual growth and development, socialization and friendship, service to our church, and community outreach.



Our Soul Purpose Outreach Ministry gathered and sorted over 130 lbs. of socks, hats, clothing and shoes to take to the homeless shelter. We also matched donations to the Chaplain's on the Harbor and the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund.

Thank you all for your money, time and talent.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sometime during the week of the 14th, our storage shed was broken into. Several things were stolen, including the lawn mower, leaf blower, weed eater, pressure washer and a new firepit. Andy and Donna discovered it when they arrived on that Saturday to do the church cleaning and yard work. Andy has filed a police report and the church insurance company has been notified. The Makar's donated the lawn equipment and we are hoping that we are able to replace it. If you know anyone who is willing to donate equipment, please contact Joe Castonguay, Jr. Warden or Fr. Pete.

KATHY ROBERSON

The Hoodspout area and St. Germain lost a valued community member with the recent passing of Kathy Roberson Thompson, Executive Director of the Hood Canal Food Bank. She was a familiar face always ready to lend a hand wherever it was needed. St. Germain offers thanks for her long & active life, and condolences for all who mourn. May she rest in eternal peace.

We will have a special collection in memory of Kathy. "Charity the Compassionate Pig" is accepting donations in her memory for the next two weeks, which we will send along to the Food Bank. A sympathy card is available in the parish hall for you to sign as well. You can also send a check to the church with "Kathy Roberson" in the memo line.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report August 2020

Operating Revenues	\$2,308
Grant	415
Operating Expenses	<u>3,749</u>
Net	(1026.00)
YTD	\$4548

Through August 2020, Soul Purpose has given monetary donations to the following:

Hood Canal Food Bank	\$475
Camp Michael	\$225
Chaplains on the Harbor	\$254
Special Outreach/Discretionary	\$385

FROM THE OFFICE

WISH LIST

While you are out and about shopping, we do appreciate your donations of:

Paper Towels & toilet paper
Hand Sanitizer
Tissues
Spray disinfectant and wipes
Disposable face masks

Thank you!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

If you have a request for someone to be added to the printed prayer list that is included in our Sunday service bulletin to be read during the Prayers of the People, please let Fr. Pete or Lu know by the Saturday before the service.

This recent post on Facebook had incredible response!

I am an Episcopalian because a friend invited me to church. I am because of six centuries of music that is so beautiful it brings tears to my eyes. I am because we are a body of believers who can say that we are truly sorry and we humbly repent. I am because we have women behind the altar and men on the altar guild. I am because all are welcome to the table of the feast that fills my heart. I am an Episcopalian because this is where I found my life, and because this is where God blessed me just the way I needed to be blessed.

— Kendall Lockerman

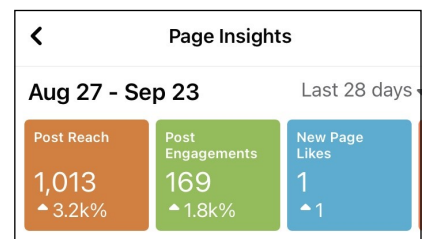


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BIRTHDAY

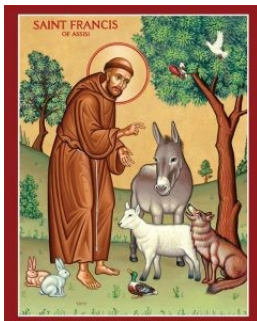
October Birthdays

Sam Peters

Marleigh Royter



FEAST DAY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI - OCTOBER 4th



On October 4, the Episcopal Church celebrates the Feast Day of Francis of Assisi, an Italian friar, beloved saint, and one of the most venerated individuals in Christian history. He founded the Franciscan Order for men and the Order of Saint Clare for women, and he is also widely known for his love of nature and animals. We may perhaps remember St. Francis best for his devotion to nature and animals; in several hagiographies, or stories of the saints, Francis is depicted as preaching to and otherwise communicating with fish, birds, and even a wolf. He believed that the Creator is praised through all his creatures and, indeed, creation itself. It is in this spirit that many Episcopal churches offer blessings of pets and other animals each year on Francis' feast day.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FEAST DAY OF SAINT LUKE - OCTOBER 18th



St. Luke was a Gentile, and the traditional author of the Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He was a physician and is identified with the church's ministry of healing. In Col 4:14, he is described as "the beloved physician." His uniqueness is seen in his detailed description of the birth of Jesus, possibly deriving from information given him by Mary, the Lord's mother. It is in the Gospel According to Luke that we have the texts of the earliest Christian hymns, Magnificat, Benedictus, and Nunc dimittis. Only this gospel has the parables about the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

Luke gives special emphasis to the worth and status of women. He stresses the inclusivity of the compassion and love of God. Luke is often symbolized as a winged sacrificial ox holding a gospel book. This symbolism is taken from the Gospel According to Luke, which begins with Zechariah sacrificing in the temple and which describes the sacrifice of Christ. Luke accompanied Paul on his second missionary trip from Troas to Philippi, and on the third missionary trip from Philippi to Jerusalem. He also went with Paul to Rome.

Luke's life and work as a physician, historian, and evangelist is commemorated in the Episcopal calendar of the church year on October 18th.

Almighty God, you inspired Your servant St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May St. Luke intercede for us that we may deepen our understanding of the gospel and grow in compassion of Jesus. May his intercession enable our new parish to follow Your way and plan for us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.