



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

## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER HOMECOMING EDITION

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Joanne Hash, Senior Warden  
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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;

I was remembering the movie "The Lost Weekend" with Ray Milland and realized we have a "lost summer." Coming up quickly is Labor Day and the official

start of fall events. There may or may not be in-class school, so we will offer some limited tutoring opportunities. We will continue Sunday worship with the alternative Pentecost season liturgy starting on the 6th.

I can't stress strongly enough the importance of our volunteers to make our events go smoothly; especially the cleaning and sanitizing duties. If you haven't taken a turn at this--it's time! Greeters are more important than ever because they need to take temps and register people. Readers too are important so I urge all of you to step up to the plate.

I will be gone for a few days in September but will have my phone on. Be safe on Labor Day and see you Sunday.

*Fr. Pete*

*Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

— Collect for Labor Day, the Book of Common Prayer, p. 261

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The Bishop's Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please notify Fr. Pete if you have something for the agenda.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE



Most congregations have paid staff such as custodians and office staff. As you all know, as a small congregation we can afford neither. However, we are sorely lacking on the custodial end. Because of COVID we must be very diligent in cleaning and sanitizing our facility, and only a few people have volunteered to assume this responsibility. Please consider signing up for:

Church cleaners for the August 30th and for September  
Coffee hosts, readers, and flowers for Sundays

Now that we are resuming coffee fellowship, it is important for people to sign up. The coffee server is responsible for serving the coffee and goodies to comply with the new protocols. Please see Hospitality Committee folks Kim or Sam for more info.

Let's continue to keep our worship vibrant and meaningful, and our facilities safe and sanitary.

***A special thank you to Kathryn and Jerry Jasper, Andy and Donna Makar and Kim Elderkin and family for keeping the facilities extra clean and sanitized this summer. Your hard work is very much appreciated!***

### HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK

Did you know that St. Germain's helped found the Hood Canal Food Bank? The need now is greater than ever. Show your support to help the hungry in Hoodspport by making a donation today. The barrel for food collection is located just inside the front door of the parish hall.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

We are assembling Blessing Bags for the homeless shelter in Shelton and are still looking for:

Deodorant – travel size  
Toothpaste – travel size  
Chapstick  
Washable/reusable Face Mask  
Unisex 1 size fits all tube socks

The women's group assembles these bags on Wednesdays at their gathering.

A crew of volunteers were also very busy this summer cleaning up the grounds, the storage shed, and spreading ground cover on our rear patio to make it more inviting. Anne and Carlos Craff, Joe Castonguay, and Jerry Jasper worked so hard in the heat spreading the bark on Thursday. Fr. Pete and Christian fixed our banner too.

**Thank you all!**



**FOR SALE** - Casio full 88 key synthesizer with 10 different settings. Purchase price when new \$2300. Now only \$450, includes stand and bench.  
If interested, call 360-701-2464.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Treasurer's Report July 2020

Operating Revenues	\$4,025
Operating Expenses	<u>2,854</u>
Net	1,171
Grant	+ 415
Net Net	\$1,586

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

Hood Canal Food Bank	\$450
Camp Michael	\$200
Chaplains on the Harbor	\$200
Special Outreach/Discretionary	\$385

It is a requirement of the Diocese that the treasurer send out contributions statements at least quarterly. I have found when I do this with such a small congregation that

- A) People think I'm asking for more money (which I am not) or
- B) They just don't care and their statement ends in the garbage.

I thank everyone for their ability to openly express their feelings to me about their statements!! In order to save time, paper, envelopes, postage, etc. I am asking that if anyone would like a copy of their YTD Contribution Statement to please email me at [daromanof@gmail.com](mailto:daromanof@gmail.com) and I will either provide you with an email copy or a hard copy. Please specify in the email what you prefer. You may ask me at church but there is no guarantee that I will remember the request by the time I get home, therefore I highly suggest that you email your request to me.

Many thanks to all who have thrown a dollar or two into "Charity" the pig, bought a pop, threw their pennies into the jar, brought in goods for the food bank or the blessing bags, or wrote a check for a special outreach.

*Donna*

## FROM THE OFFICE

I hope you like the new format for the newsletter. Anything you want to see in it, let me know. It is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall, and printed copies are available. If you wish to receive a copy via regular mail, let me know.

Along with the newsletter, I prepare the Sunday bulletin, update the church calendar, directory, birthday list, and schedule building use, among other things. You will see me puttering around the church often during the week and supporting all church committees. Currently, I'm hoping to organize the church library and welcome any help with that. I love St. Germain's and the wonderful people here! You can always contact me if you need anything. My church email address is: [stgermainoffice600@gmail.com](mailto:stgermainoffice600@gmail.com)

*Lu*



We have a website and Facebook page which is updated regularly. These are the first places people go to for information about St. Germain's. Your input is appreciated on content. When we move to the next phase (hopefully one day soon) I will gladly offer classes on how to use Facebook, and help you with any computer issues you have.

## BISHOP'S COMMITTEE



The Bishop's Committee is responsible for determining the policies and goals of the congregation and is to communicate with the congregation about the goals, concerns, and functioning of the Church by listening to our members and the community. Approval of budgets and plans Meetings are held monthly and all members are encouraged to attend. Anyone may ask any BC member to speak on their behalf and forms for requests are in the parish hall. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board, and minutes from past meetings and Annual Meetings are in notebooks located on the bookcase in the parish hall.

**Senior Warden:** (Joanne Hash) The Senior Warden is the spokesperson for the Vicar, aids and supports the Vicar in all efforts for the spiritual welfare and growth of St. Germain. Charged with care of the holy vessels and all other property of the parish used in the service of the church. Endeavors to preserve order and decorum in the life of the parish. Conducts the monthly meetings.

**Junior Warden:** (Joe Castonguay) coordinates the upkeep of the church facilities and grounds: maintenance, repairs, and cleaning. Coordinates volunteers for work parties.

### Committee Chairs

**Evangelism:** (Cyndy Reynolds) Works at welcoming visitors & provide means for familiarizing them into the life of the parish family. Plan events, advertising, opportunities for inviting new persons.

**Hospitality and Events:** (Kim Elderkin and Sam Peters) Recruits volunteers for coffee hosts, greeters/ushers, readers, custodial and event planning and support.

**Stewardship:** (Skip Hash) Responsible for planning the annual pledge drive, oversee capital campaign, year-round endowments, grants, planned giving, etc. Count Sunday offerings, inform members about stewardship opportunities within the parish.

### Supporting Members

**Treasurer:** (Donna Wessel) Receives, holds and disburses all monies in accordance with sound and proper financial and accounting practices. Presents a full written report at the annual meeting and makes reports to the Bishop's Committee so we can make wise decisions about our resources. Provides an annual audit of all funds to the Diocese.

**Clerk:** (Donna "Lu" O'Leary) Maintains the minutes, correspondence and records of all committee meetings and committee business. Supports all committees.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



### *Women ministering together for God, our Church and our community.*

The E.C.W. at St. Germain's is open to women of all faiths over the age of 16. We foster spiritual growth and participate in outreach and in-reach ministries.

We gather on Wednesdays at 11am - 1pm and dine on a brown bag lunch together.

After sharing a reading and reflections we participate in an activity or project benefiting our **Soul Purpose Outreach Ministry.**

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



Invite • Welcome • Connect

The Evangelism Committee has met numerous times these past few months to plan events and activities for the near future. Unfortunately due to COVID, we have not been able to proceed with them. But we continue to plan so that we can hit the ground running as soon as we are able. Some of the activities we have planned but have had to cancel are:

- A church member rummage/yard sale with all proceeds going to our Soul Purpose Outreach Ministry.
- An art show featuring (local only) artists
- Trunk or Treat in conjunction with Hood Canal Market
- Harvest Fest on October 24th with non-Halloween activities

**We will have these events next year for sure!** Your ideas and suggestions as well as participation in these events is encouraged. We hope to attract the community of all ages to make their way to “The Church on the Hill” to learn about the wonderful place St. Germain is.

Coming up this October we hope to offer to the community our annual Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis Day, which can be held socially-distanced in the church parking lot. We are especially looking forward to this November 11th and our annual Bells of Peace Service and Ringing of the Bells. At precisely 11 a.m. we will ring our church bell 21 times, marking the exact moment of the conclusion of World War I.

Contact Cyndy Reynolds for more information on volunteering for these events.

## HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS COMMITTEE



Coffee Hour Hosts are responsible for making coffee, tea and setting out food. The church provides tea and coffee and members host and provide refreshments. This includes set-up and clean-up. It's different members every week and you sign up in advance.

Greeters/Ushers are the first to welcome guests and have them sign the guest book, answer newcomer questions, hand out bulletins and direct people into the church. They give Welcome packets to newcomers, and help strangers become friends. During the service they collect the offering, present the Eucharistic elements and direct the congregation to communion.

Readers read the first lesson before the Gospel during the service. Events throughout the year need volunteers to pitch in with food, drink, decorations and with whatever is needed for the occasion.

Custodial - As a small congregation we rely on teams of two custodial volunteers to keep the facilities clean and sanitized, especially during these times of COVID.

There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall to volunteer. See Kim or Sam for more information. Let's continue to keep our worship vibrant and meaningful, and our facilities safe and sanitary. Thank you!

## WISH LIST

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

Soda (cans) diet and regular  
Hand Sanitizer  
Tissues  
Lysol-type spray disinfectant and wipes  
Disposable face masks

Thank you!

## BEVERAGE DONATIONS

**All beverage proceeds go to send children to summer camp.** These scholarships allow them to attend a week at Camp Michael in Olympia, which offers among other things, swimming, hiking, crafts, overnight camping, and the chance to make lifetime memberships in a Christ-centered environment. Just ask our Whitney and Elizabeth about their wonderful experiences there. You may also donate by check or money order made out to "St. Germain Episcopal Church" marked "Soul Purpose" in the memo line. These gifts can change a child's life!

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Labor Day** Monday, September 7th

**Grandparents Day** Sunday, September 13th

**ECW** meets Wednesdays 11am-1pm

**Bishop's Committee** meets on Wednesday, September 16th at 2 pm

**Evangelism Committee** meets on Friday, September 18th at 1:00 pm

**AA Women's Group** meets Sundays 3 pm

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST



If you have a request that someone 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.



St. Germain's is open during this pandemic. When we meet, for the safety of all of us, we closely follow the diocesan and bishop's guidelines for our Sunday worship.

- There is one main entrance and we will be taking temperatures as you enter, with any reading over 100.4 requiring the person to return home.
- We ask that you sign and date the COVID-19 disclosure form as you enter. This will be kept for 21 days for the purpose of contact tracing.
- Masks must be worn at all times. (indoor and in the parking lot). If you don't have a mask, we will provide one for you. Hand sanitizers are placed throughout the building and at each pew.
- A physical distance of at least 6 feet must be maintained throughout the building and in the pews. Blue tape marks the floor to guide you. Pews are clearly marked and sectioned off as required, but families and members of the same household may sit together.
- All surfaces are regularly cleaned and disinfected with Lysol.
- When you come to church the worship bulletins and inserts will be on a table and you will pick one up. They will not be handed to you. After worship you will put the inserts into recycle and the booklet into a basket.