



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

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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The Rev. Peter Van Zanten, Vicar
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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**



IMPORTANT!
ANNUAL MEETING
THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st

Directly after the morning service, we will have our annual meeting during which we chart a course for 2021, approve the budget, and select new members for the Bishop's Committee. The Bishop's Committee has responsibility for the "temporal affairs" of the congregation, including the care of our building and finances, worship and faith formation, outreach, hospitality and events, facilities management, and stewardship; as well as choosing individuals to fill other leadership roles in the congregation, and setting the vision for the congregation. Serving on the Bishop's Committee is one of the most significant ways one can serve at St. Germain's and help fulfill its mission. Along with the Vicar, the Bishop's committee is composed of members from the congregation, representing a diverse set of skills and gifts for leadership. There are two committee vacancies to fill and nominations will be taken from the floor. The agenda is as follows:

- Bishop Rickel's Message
- Call to order
- Opening Prayer
- Election of Secretary
- Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
- Vicar's Report
- Committee Reports
- Nominations & Election of BC Members
- Nominees & Elections for Diocesan Convention
- 2020 Financial Report
- Presentation of 2021 Budget
- Amendment of By-Laws
- Announcements
- Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Lent



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 17 in 2021, forty-plus days before Easter Sunday on April 4th, 2021. During Lent, the whole Church is invited to a “holy observance...by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” (BCP, 265). Through these practices, we deepen our commitment to the Christian life and prepare to renew their baptismal promises.

Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word” (BCP, p. 265).



On Sunday January 10th a memorial service was held for Carlos Craff. All donations collected from "Charity the Pig" and the United Thank offering for the month of January totaling \$500 will be given in Carlos' name to the Community Lifeline in Shelton, which provides basic needs and service of meals, showers, and emergency shelter as well as community resources and advocacy to support those in need.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

Pope Francis

TREASURER'S REPORT - Donna Wessel

SOUL PURPOSE/OUTREACH FUND YTD 2020

TOTAL DOLLARS RECEIVED FROM:

CHARITY THE PIG, UTO, DESIGNATED GIFTS, SODA/COFFEE, PLEDGES, FUNDRAISERS **\$ 1,643.83**

TOTAL DOLLARS DISBURSED:

HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK	737.00
CAMP MICHAEL (DONATION)	300.00
SOUL PURPOSE DISCRETIONARY	385.00
CHAPLAINS ON THE HARBOR	254.00
EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT	200.00
QUIXOTE COMMUNITIES-SHELTON	100.00

\$ 1,976.00

FUNDS USED FROM SOUL PURPOSE FUND 2020 1,643.83

FUNDS USED FROM OPERATING REVENUE 345.00

FUNDS USED FROM SOUL PURPOSE RESERVE FUND 12.83

TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED AS OUTREACH

\$ 1,976.00

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MONETARY DONATIONS

OVER 587 LBS OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD & GOODS WERE GIVEN TO THE HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK OVER 800 LBS OF CLOTHING, BEDDING, & TOILETRIES WERE GIVEN TO COMMUNITY LIFELINE SHELTER IN SHELTON OVER 20 BLESSING BAGS WERE DISPERSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT YTD 2020

OPERATING FUNDS RECEIVED

Pledges, Open Plate, Building Usage \$ 37,208

Congregation Grant \$ 5,000

Money from Building Fund Savings \$ 1,496

Money from PPP (payroll protection plan) \$ 2,819

TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED FOR 2020 \$ 46,523

OPERATING EXPENSES \$ (41,692)

NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR 2020 \$ 4,831

STEWARDSHIP

A big thank you to all who pledged in 2021, and if you haven't turned your pledge card in yet please be sure to do that and give it to Donna.

CHURCH YARD, MEMORIAL GARDEN

Thanks to a generous donation by Anne, as of Thursday January 28th we will have four 4' X 9' raised garden beds along the South side of the church. Watch this space as "Soulciety" develops a plan as to what all we will be planting in them. Come March we will be tearing up all the moss, putting a layer of topsoil down and re-seeding the lawn along the East Memorial Garden side of the church. Funds for this will be coming out Andy & Donna's pocket, however if you feel you would like to contribute to this endeavor, or help defray the cost of the raised beds, feel free to put your check in the offertory plate and mark the memo line "Building Fund" or put cash in an offertory envelope and mark the outside "Building Fund".

These donations will go strictly to maintaining the yard and memorial garden. Thank you Anne, Donna and Andy!

CHURCH OFFICE - Lu O'Leary

SUNDAY SERVICE REMINDERS

Prelude: The prelude begins after the church bells are rung. Please enter the sanctuary quietly. Many people kneel while they prepare their hearts and minds for worship.

Processional: Although we do not have a processional and we are not singing, it is customary to stand as the priest enters the sanctuary.

HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK

The need now is greater than ever. Show your support to help the hungry in Hoodspout by making a donation today. The barrel for food collection is located just inside the front door of the parish hall.



FEBRUARY	1	KIT	BROOKS
	1	KIM	ELDERKIN
	3	VERONICA	HARLAN
	6	FRANK	LAKEMAN
	10	JESSICA	OSTERHOOT

