



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

AUGUST 2021

Services begin each Sunday morning at 10:30 am

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We are an inclusive, welcoming
community of faith and

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME HERE!**

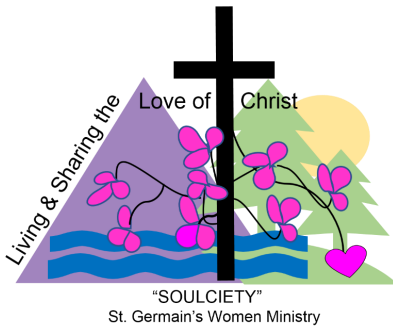
FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION AUGUST 6th



The Feast that celebrates Jesus' radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James, and John, on a high mountain (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Lk 9:28-36). The Gospel of Matthew records that "he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light." At this moment Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking with Jesus.

Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to "make three booths" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud stated, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples fell on their faces in awe, but Jesus encouraged them to arise and "have no fear." They saw only Jesus. This event is alluded to in 2 Pt 1:16-18, which records that "we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" and "we were with him on the holy mountain." The Transfiguration revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It may have given strength and comfort to his disciples in the difficult times that followed. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ. The Transfiguration is listed among the holy days of the church year as a Feast of our Lord.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Our ECW-SOULCIETY group is open to every woman over 18. We meet every Wednesday in the parish hall from 11-1 for a brown bag lunch and spiritual growth. We spend the first hour reflecting and reading from the book, *"Dancing from the Inside Out"* by Westina Mathews.

Soulciety is responsible for administering our outreach ministry-Soul Purpose and chairing the Evangelism/Hospitality Committee at St. Germain. The second hour of our meeting is usually devoted to those ministries. August marks our 1-year anniversary of revitalizing the ECW at St. Germain! For 2 hours every week we have done life together. We have laughed, we have cried, we have had "spirited debates" and through everything we have grown stronger in our faith. The synergy developed from women of faith is most definitely a force to be reckoned with. Many have commented to me about my leadership in bringing this group together. I am humbled by those comments. I know that the mark of a good leader is to surround yourself with exceptionally smart and diversely talented (in this case) women. Let their strengths take over where your weaknesses lie. I also know it was not I who gathered this group, but rather the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit working in all of us that brought us together and keeps us together. We have done great things this past year and I am anxious to see where we will go in our second year. I thank all of you who have embarked on this journey with me.

EVANGELISM/HOSPITALITY: July found us planning our next event, the Blessing of the Animals. This will be held on Saturday Oct. 2. For Halloween we plan on decorating a trunk and having goodie bags to hand out at the Hoodsport Grocery Market during their annual Trick or Trunk event. We are also planning for our Bells of Peace program which of course will be held on Nov. 11, and we are in the early stages of planning a holiday bazaar. You do not have to be part of the women's group to be involved in any of these events. We hold Evangelism/Hospitality committee meetings the last Wednesday of every month, from 12-1. Everyone is welcome to join the committee. We started gathering backpacks, socks, travel size toiletries, sweatshirts, hats, etc. to take to Community Lifeline homeless shelter in Shelton, sometime in Sept. If you have items that match the description (new items only) please place them in the wicker basket on the coat rack in the Parish Hall. You may also place a dollar or two in Charity the pig, who sits at the back of the Sanctuary to help us pay for items. We also gathered 2 trunk loads of diapers, wipes, toys, clothing and \$140 to go towards the purchase of a second crib for two newborn boys and 2 older siblings who came for help through the WIC office in Shelton. The mother was grateful for St. Germain's generosity. Many thanks to all who donated goods and money to this cause. In August, the women's group has volunteered itself to wash the windows including in between the plexiglass and stained glass of the Sanctuary. Nobody will want to miss out on that fun! For August we will be starting right where we left on in July-Living and Sharing the Love of Christ.

WE ARE WOMEN IN ACTION!

Donna Wessel

TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY - JUNE 2021

YTD

Operating Revenues	30,087.00
Operating Expenses	<u>27,839.00</u>
Net	2,248.00
Non-operating Revenue	
Grant	1,999.00
Building Fund	7,303.00
Net Net	<u>\$11,550.00</u>

*Donna Wessel,
Treasurer*

MEDITATION/MEMORIAL GARDEN

"God Almighty first planted a garden and indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures."-Francis Bacon

The blueprint has become reality! Tier 2 and 3 of our gardens have been transformed. The benches and gazebo have yet to be put in along with all the filler plants. However, the lawn has been torn up, steps, gravel pathways, two hog wire trellises and boulders have been put in, and the foundational plants have been planted. For all practical purposes the garden is finished and now it is up to us to be good stewards of it.

Fr. Pete will be performing a Dedication Service for our garden on Sunday August 15th . This will be held in the garden and will immediately follow our regular worship service. Mark your calendar and look for email updates as we get closer to the 15th . Let's make this a pleasant Sunday afternoon in the beautiful garden of St. Germain! Many thanks to all who shared the vision of what our garden could be and joined us on this quest.

Donna Wessel

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Pat Lakeman
- 4 Anne Craff
- 7 Matt Hornyak
- 12 Joe Castonguay
- 20 Kathryn Jasper
- 27 Andy Makar



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