



# 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

JULY 2021

Services begin each Sunday morning at 10:30 am

Join us for coffee hour after service. Sunday school and childcare available

## ECW - SOULCIETY

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. On May 29th we held a very successful Rummage Sale at the church. Our total collection for the day was \$1,644.40 and proceeds from our raffle amounted to \$350. We decided since we held the rummage sale on the Saturday before Memorial Day, we would donate the raffle proceeds to Quixote Communities for their project in Shelton which is to provide tiny homes for homeless Veterans.

With the BC approval we will be restricting \$1,644.40 funds for the following:

- 1) 2 - 10 X 10 EZ up canopies for the church to use for future events at a cost of \$160.
- 2) 1- "Doggie Backpack" to use in a future raffle basket at our Blessing of the Animals event in Oct. at a cost of \$20.
- 3) 1 - Popcorn Machine for the church to use at future events - approx. cost \$200
- 4) \$10.40 will be deposited into the Soul Purpose Outreach Fund to help purchase toiletries for our Blessing Bags.
- 5) \$56.00 will be deposited into the general fund to cover the 14.55% assessment to the Diocese for items 1-3.
- 6) The balance of approx. \$1,198.00 will be deposited into the Building Fund with the designation to be used for Meditation Garden only.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL THE WOMEN (AND MEN) WHO WORKED SO HARD ON THIS EVENT AND MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED GOODS TO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT SO SUCCESSFUL.**

For July we will be starting right where we left off in June - Living and Sharing the Love of Christ.

**WE ARE WOMEN IN ACTION!**

*Donna Wessel*

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We are an inclusive, welcoming  
community of faith and  
**EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME HERE!**



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## MEMORIAL/MEDITATION GARDEN

*He shall come down like rain upon the mown  
grass, Like showers that water the earth.  
Psalm 72:6*

Examine closely a raindrop on a leaf,  
the clarity, the purity.  
Now imagine clearing your mind  
to such clarity, to pure nothingness.  
In that nothingness lies  
consciousness in its purest form.

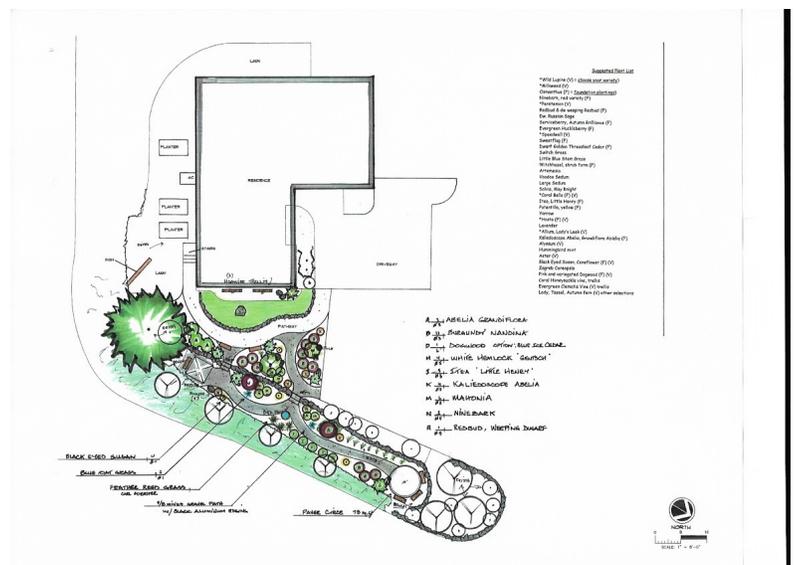


A garden after a rain shower can  
be one of the best times to meditate, just be sure  
to bring a towel to dry off the bench! Soon St.  
Germain will have a meditation garden open to the  
community. Plans have been approved by the B.C.  
and work is scheduled to start in late July. Thanks  
to all who looked at the plans and left comments.  
Your comments regarding putting in a handrail for  
the steps have been heard. A handrail will be put  
in shortly after the garden makeover is complete.



In other news we received several  
comments over the Memorial Day  
weekend on how nice our memorial  
garden looked with the headstones  
cleaned up and the flags planted at  
the head of our Veterans who lay  
there. Many expressed enthusiasm  
about the meditation garden coming.

*Donna Wessel*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### JANUARY - MAY 2021

	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Revenues	26,560.00
Operating Expenses	<u>24,274.00</u>
Net	2,286.00
Non-operating Revenue	
Grant	1,666.00
Building Fund	5,768.00
Net Net	<u><b>9,720.00</b></u>

*Donna Wessel,  
Treasurer*

## SENIOR WARDEN

Greetings!

For those of you who are on a short or long vacation please know that we wish you well and pray for you to have safe travels. If you are in town, remember to come to the pancake breakfast 9 am til noon on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We would love to see more people sign up for greeter, usher and flowers. It is always fun to greet our fellow parishioners and welcome them to Sunday service.

We've recently had some vandalism to the church yard but we have a plan to deal with it in a (hopefully) positive way.

*Anne Craff*

## CHURCH OFFICE

To all the faithful volunteers who give their all to keep this church up and running - THANK YOU! Your time and talent can be a thankless job, and every once in awhile we all need a pat on the back. That said, please consider signing up for Sunday services. As well as greeters and ushers, we especially need readers, who will do the first reading. And yes, volunteer custodial services once a week would be very much appreciated. It is a short list of duties, like at home...vacuum, wipe things down, bathroom & kitchen, and empty trash.

If you are able to help me sort through the library books, please let me know. While you are at the grocery store, we do appreciate your donations of water and sodas.

Thank you!

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## RUMMAGE SALE

