

April

The MESSENGER

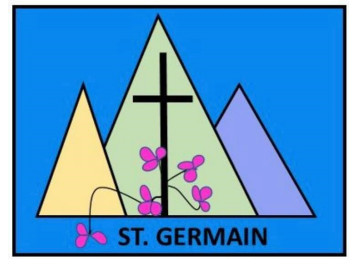
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Our vision is to be the inclusive people of God.

"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, US Supreme Court Justice



OUR 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.

THE VICAR'S BRAIN - REV. BILL FULTON



We Episcopalians enjoy dressing up our bishops. We give them a funny pointed hat, frilly robes and an enormous cape, and we hand them a bent piece of wood called a crozier. When this august person processes down the aisle, we all try not to giggle at the silliness.

We in the Diocese of Olympia wore out our old bishop and we need to find a replacement. Bishops aren't easy to come by, you know. It's a very hard job and it takes a certain zaniness to attempt it.

We are now ready to elect the new eminence and our selection committee has come up with four remarkable nominees. You can view their profiles on the diocesan website. Just click on Bishop Transition and you'll find them.

They are the Rev. Phil LaBelle, the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining, the Venerable Jordan Haynie Ware, and the Rev. Kate Wesch. I know, lots of titles.

What impresses me most about this slate of nominees is their youthfulness. There are no gray-hairs in the bunch. Considering that the bishop is responsible for the church of the future, that's probably a very good thing. Perhaps we'll elect the next Tik-Tok bishop.

I personally would never run for bishop, and if I were elected I would not be consecrated, and if consecrated I would run and hide. It's too difficult a job.

A bishop must wear a mitre with dignity (not an easy job), preside over the annual convention (a tedious two-day affair), juggle the (impossible) budget, discipline naughty clergy (yes, some are unbelievably naughty) and deal with irritable (adult) children. Phew. But I am sure all these nominees are up to the task.

Our electing convention will take place May 18 at St. Mark's Cathedral, and then we'll know who will be our new bishop. Until then, we'll pray for the four nominees by name each Sunday, asking the Almighty for discernment and wisdom.

It's a big task. May God help us!

Bill

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community of faith and**

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME HERE!**

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St Germain's Church Hoodsport

Sunday service livestream



BISHOP'S COMMITTEE



The Bishop's Committee meets monthly for the purpose of conducting church business. Our members are caring folks who are willing to share their own faith, perspective and experience to engage with other members to collaboratively manage the affairs of the church with a view toward a faith-filled, sustainable future.

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly meeting and learn about current events, stay abreast of church ministries, finances, status updates, proposals, and more. There is a standing meeting on the third **Tuesday** of each month at **10 AM**.

WOMEN ON A MISSION



The **Women's Group** meets every **Wednesday** in the parish hall from **11 am - 1 pm** for spiritual growth and event planning.

We spend the first hour checking in and sharing a reading and reflection; all women are welcome to bring something to share. The second hour of our meeting is usually devoted to event planning and administering our outreach ministries. The last Wednesday of the month we chair the Evangelism and Hospitality Committee at noon and **everyone** is invited to attend.

Rummage sale is May 25th! Start collecting things to donate now. And spread the word to friends!

Intercessory Prayer List

Please sign the prayer request list at the church, or email Amy at agyle2061@gmail.com. You may include the need if you choose.



This month we are praying for Kathryn, Betsy, Skip, Therese, Amy.

May they receive abundant health and healing, or ease into their transition from this life, through Jesus with whom all things are possible.

“What’s the Story?” by Matthew Hornyak

Donna and I were talking recently in the Parish Hall about 10 minutes before the 10:30 service was about to begin. She gestured toward the handsome quilt hanging above the kitchen pass-through window and asked, “Do you know who made that?” I did, and proceeded to tell her about longtime St. Germain member Kay Hoyt. Not only was Kay a skilled and generous quilter (she often donated a beautiful quilt to be raffled at the church’s annual Corndoggie fund-raiser), she was also an active volunteer with day to day gardening, housekeeping and hospitality tasks.

Having answered Donna’s question, I pointed to the Food Bank donation barrel and asked her if she knew the origin story on that. She did not. With 5 minutes still available to us before the processional began, I shared with her that I was the barrel donor and offered to provide the barrel’s provenance.

The Food Bank donation barrel in St. Germain’s Parish Hall began its life containing the abrasive grains material used by Pacific Grinding Wheel (located in Marysville, WA) to manufacture their signature products. Wooden barrels were used to store and transport this material to the factory. Once emptied, the wooden barrels were surplus items.

In 1969, as a junior at Everett High School, I decided to run for the office of Boy’s Club President for my upcoming 1970 senior year. Similar to Student Body officers, Girl’s and Boy’s Club officers include all levels of high school students. I wanted my campaign signs to stand out from the competition and remembered that my dad was the longtime insurance broker for Pacific Grinding Wheel. He’d taken me and my siblings there for a tour of the mill and I recalled seeing all these empty wooden barrels. Would he, I asked, see if my campaign could acquire ten barrels? Dad agreed, I picked them up and my campaign committee met to discuss how to paint them, and to find friends with cars who’d be willing to drive around town for a few weeks with a campaign barrel on top of their vehicle.

The campaign committee decided to spray paint the barrels black and use white lettering, saying “MATT for BCP” so that it was visible from either side of the vehicle. We were successful in rounding up 10 friends with cars. The election itself was a squeaker. I was honored to be elected with a majority of just 7 votes. Serving in that role was a bright spot during my time in high school.

After the election, many of the barrels were kept and put to use by those who’d volunteered their cars. My family ended up keeping a couple. In 2000, when our family’s Everett home was sold, one barrel made its way to my Lake Cushman home. In 2015, when I sold my home in order to move to Portland, I remembered that St. Germain was looking for a more effective way to collect and store food bank donations (up to that time, cardboard boxes and grocery bags had been used). That barrel seemed like a good solution, and it still is.



Quilt hanging in the parish hall, created by Kay Hoyt.

The food bank barrel has received a new coat of dark blue paint thanks to Donna.





If your day is missed, please make sure that Donna or Amy gets birthday date information.

April 5 Alec Pennington

HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK

St. Germain donates food and money to the Hood Canal Food Bank which distributes food every first and third Mondays of the month at the Hoodspout Fire Station. **We take donations on the first and third Sundays at our worship service.** Please bring food in cans (meal in a can like chili or pasta or fruit) and dried or boxed foods. Also please avoid glass jars that might break. When you go shopping for your family put in a couple of items for the Food Bank.

ST.GERMAIN'S PRESENTS TALL TIMBERS CONCERTS

April 13, 2024 3:00PM Curtis & Loretta

Curtis & Loretta's music comes straight from the heart. The husband and wife duo's extraordinary harmonies and proficiency on a parade of stringed instruments create an alluring frame for their poignant original songs, and traditional pieces from America and the British Isles. The current menagerie includes mandocello, folk harp, guitars, clawhammer banjo, ukulele, and mandolin, plus a bit of kazoo, harmonica, and shakers. Curtis' down-home sense of humor and Loretta's theater background engage the audience in an experience that runs the gamut of rolling with laughter to holding back tears, with plenty of side-trips in between. They rack up countless miles each year, crisscrossing the country to deliver their own unique brand of folk singer/songwriter music.



April 27, 2024 3:00PM Deb Seymour



A masterful musical story teller, Deb Seymour has been charming audiences for years with her demented wit, haunting blues and moving ballads. Never a cautious moment on stage, her song subjects will take you on a wild ride in electric cars with hitch-hiking chickens, tango-dancing Martians and miscreant alley cats, while reflecting on missed chances and searching for true love. Also a nimble-fingered guitarist, Seymour's playing style touches on folk, rock, country, Latin, blues, gypsy swing and Celtic flavorings.

Deb has four CDs of original work out. Her latest CD, "Blame It On The Dog" (2018) continues her theatrical vein of "demented wit, haunting blues and moving ballads" debseymourmusic.com

May 5, 2024 3:00PM Hank Cramer



Hank Cramer is one of the best-loved folksingers in the American West. He's known for his booming bass voice, smooth picking on a vintage flat-top guitar, and a wry sense of humor. Hank's repertoire is a mix of original, traditional, and contemporary folk songs. They tell the stories of cowboys, sailors, soldiers, miners, adventurers, and just plain drifters. That fits with Hank's life story: he has been an underground miner, a professional soldier, shanty-man on a square-rigged sailing ship, wrangler for a high-country outfitter, and a world traveler. Those experiences make Hank's music ring with a special authenticity.



Garden Clean Up Day

April 26

Bring your boots and enthusiasm for our spring clean up day. Come for an hour or two, or longer if you wish! We have a limited number of tools, so feel free to bring your own, and dress for the weather!