

July

The MESSENGER

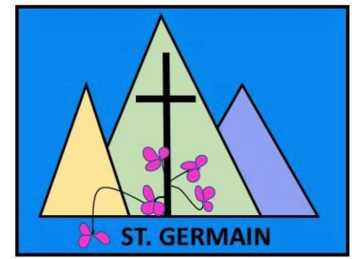
2024



Our vision is to be the inclusive people of God.

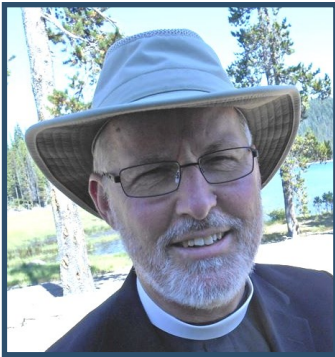
"Grace means that all of your mistakes now serve a purpose instead of serving shame."

— Brene Brown, professor, social worker
and motivational speaker



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

The big news in the Episcopal Church these days is the election of our new Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe. Bishop Rowe is currently the bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania, and, at 49 years old, is the youngest person to be elected Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

I've never met Bp. Sean, but by all accounts he's a very popular guy. He won the election in the House of Bishops on the first ballot, which means that his reputation must be very good. The House of Deputies followed by overwhelmingly confirming his election.

He earned his doctorate in organizational learning, which will come in very handy for a church that is facing some big challenges in the coming years. In his current role as bishop, he pioneered some very creative work by partly merging his diocese with the Diocese of Western New York.

I don't envy Bp. Sean the task set before him. The term of office for Presiding Bishop is nine years, which I think is too long. It wears our Presiding Bishops out. Luckily, Bp. Sean is young enough to throw himself into it, and I'm glad he'll bring his youthful energy.

At the local level, we rarely see the effects of the Presiding Bishop, but the work of the PB is critical for setting the direction of the larger Episcopal Church. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, our current PB who is retiring, has done a magnificent job of inspiring the church with his favorite theme, God's love. In the past year, he's had a number of health challenges, and his retirement is well deserved.

May God bless Bishop Sean as he assumes his new role, and may God bless the work of the whole Episcopal Church.

**God loves everyone.
No exceptions.**

The Episcopal Church welcomes you.



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Thanks for helping make our newsletter informative and uplifting. Submissions due by the last day of month (earlier is better) and subject to editorial space and whims at argyle2061@gmail.com.

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**We are an inclusive, welcoming
community of faith and**

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME HERE!**

**Join us for Sunday morning
service at 10:30 am**

Please visit our Facebook page

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 on our monthly topic. 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 **every-one** is invited to attend.

Intercessory Prayer List

Please sign the prayer request list at the church, or email Amy at argyle2061@gmail.com. You may include the need if you choose.



This month we are praying within our parish for Kathryn, Therese F., Betsy and Pat. May they receive abundant health and healing through Jesus with whom all things are possible.

Our long term prayer list is included with Sunday bulletin announcements. Please let Donna know about changes to this list.



10 AM to 3 PM

Market *on the* Hill

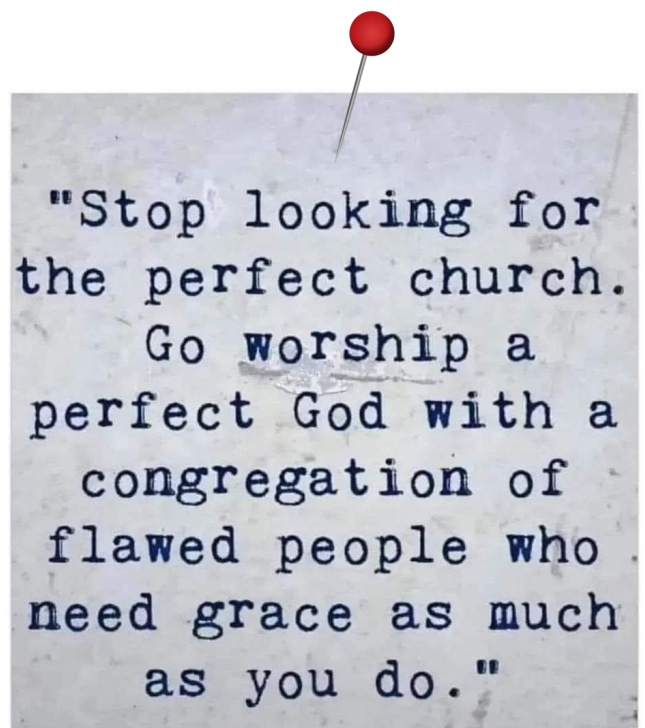
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July 13, 2024 SPECIAL EVENT

FOOD BANK ANNUAL FUNDRAISER and MARKET ON THE HILL

A joint special event will be held on **July 13** at the Hoodsport Fire Station at 331 N Finch Creek Rd in Hoodsport from 10 – 3:00. Come support the Hood Canal Food Bank fund raiser, raffle, and bake sale. Grab a hot dog, chips, and drink.

In support of the food bank, Market on the Hill and all the vendors will be on hand with their amazing creations at the Fire Station. Come join the fun of supporting the Hoodsport Food Bank and your favorite Art and Crafters.



July Birthdays!

8 Karen Belgarde

16 Peggy Pennington

23 Betsy Sharpe

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



JULY CONCERTS: 5 TO 7 PM

Music on the Hill

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July 13 Bob and Sue Potts with Jim Moore and Steve Beck.

An eclectic blend of well-known and not so well known Americana, Pop, Country and Blues hits. Heartfelt and tasty originals also are part of the sets.



Sue and Bob are River Run, a duo that plays all over Kitsap County. They have been making music together since the mid 70's. It's all about love, melody and harmony. ◀



Jim and Steve have played at St. Germain numerous times and always enjoy the melding of talents. ▶

July 27 Brent Buhler, Joel Cree and Sharron Heatherly.

Performing on a period-authentic 1932 National Reso-phonic Steel guitar, Brent plays unique arrangements of early Gospel blues, and satirical songs to push comfort levels and ruffle some feathers. Sharon sings country western Hank Williams and more. Joel is an amazing singer and guitar player.



"We gratefully acknowledge the Skokomish Indian Tribe and all Indigenous Peoples. Our building and facilities stand on the traditional land of the people, whose ancestors have resided here since time immemorial. We honor and thank them for their culture, resilience, and Indigenous identity."

Why should Christians celebrate Pride month? LGBTQ is a label we use for a diverse group of people that are all individuals. As Christians, we are told that we are all one in Christ, and we should remember that our Christian brothers and sisters who identify as L, G, B, T or Q, are an integral part of the body of Christ.



According to the Reformation Project (a bible-based group working for the inclusion of the LGBTQ community in the church), before and during the time of Christ, same sex attraction and behavior was viewed much like any other behavioral excess (for example drunkenness or gluttony). Homosexuality, a concept whose modern meaning was not developed until the 19th century, was viewed through the lens of lust, particularly for men, and not in the way we know many LGBTQ couples today who share a deep, committed love to each other and their families.

Further, same sex behavior in men was seen as disgraceful because one man had to be submissive which put him on the same level as a woman. Homophobia mixed with misogyny was the norm 2,000 years ago, but when we welcomed the coming of our messiah, we were told that all who welcomed Christ into their hearts were accepted into the body of the church. And as our church has grown and changed over the millennia, we have followed “the arc of scripture” towards ever more inclusivity.

There is a difference between tolerance and acceptance. When President Clinton instituted the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy for our military, it was a sign of growing tolerance. However, less than two decades later, we recognized same sex marriages across our nation, and that signaled acceptance. Similarly, our church has moved into acceptance of our Christian LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters.

One of the stumbling blocks for LGBTQ folks attending church is often a perceived prejudice. This is one of the reasons that it’s important to make our church known as a welcoming home for all Christians. I believe it’s time to celebrate pride: pride in our church, pride in all people who proclaim the glory of Christ. It’s time to open our arms wide and joyously embrace the gifts that people of the rainbow bring to our faith.

HOOD CANAL FOOD BANK depends on us!

St. Germain regularly 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, or you can leave a donation in the barrel any time. Please bring food in cans (preferably with pop tops like chili or pasta or fruit) and dried or boxed foods. Other items to consider, oil, spices, tea and coffee. Cake mix and frosting is a treat, and toss in some birthday candles, too. Dish and laundry soap never go out of date. Please avoid glass jars due to potential breakage. Our community needs this resource and we are proud to be their partners.



Our Community Partners

We are blessed to have the support of these local businesses and individuals. They have posted flyers, and supported our community events. This church and our greater Hoodspport community appreciate them all.



St. Germain needs you!

Everything you do at St. Germain's makes a difference. We are grateful for each and every one of you for your vision, dedication, time, energies and talent. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall for volunteers to be Sunday greeters/ushers, readers, and coffee hosts. You may also sign up for weekly custodial which includes basic housekeeping such as vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning the bathrooms. We are a small congregation, but mighty in our unity.