

August

The MESSENGER

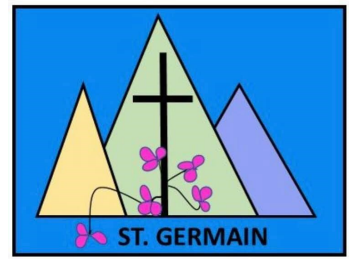
2024



Our vision is to be the inclusive people of God.

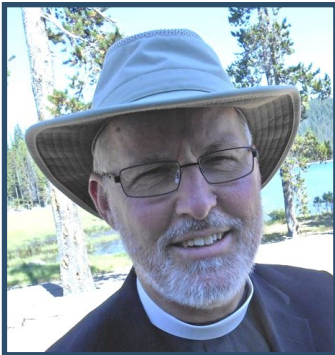
"Wealth is the ability to fully experience life."

Henry David Thoreau, American writer



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

Have you ever wondered about the history of the stained glass windows in our beautiful church? The Rev. Don Maddux, the founder of St. Germain's, will be here on Sunday, August 11, after the service, to give us a tour of the windows and artwork and explain their meaning.

Fr. Don, the long-time rector of St. David's, Shelton, has been instrumental in the

founding of a number of churches in our area. He founded St. Germain's; St. Hugh's, Allyn; St. Nicholas, Tahuya; and other churches I'm unable to name.

It was Fr. Don who led the first service of St. Germain's on July 20, 1976, at a storefront in Union. After that, we met in the Masonic Lodge building in Potlatch, and in 1985 moved into our present building. Fr. Don has been around and seen all these developments.

He has served as Archdeacon in the diocese as well as interim priest for a number of churches, and for years he led services (in Spanish!) for San Juan Episcopal Church, the Hispanic congregation in Olympia. Although he's retired, he's been very active in the diocese.

He told me, "When I was ordained, I was told that I was ordained forever into the priesthood of Melchizedek. There's no such thing as retirement for a priest." He has certainly lived up to that ideal.

Our church was named for St. Germain of Auxerre, patron of Thurlby, Lincolnshire, England, where Fr. Don lived before moving to Mason County many years ago.

I hope you'll be able to join us after the Eucharist on Sunday, August 11, when Fr. Don is here. I think you'll enjoy his sense of humor and his deep knowledge of the history of Episcopal churches in Mason County.



"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."

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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**. **(No meeting in August)**

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. This August, beginning on the 11th, we will be discussing radical love and acceptance. The second hour of our meeting is usually devoted to event planning and administering our outreach ministries.

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., Skip 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 4 PM

Market *on the* Hill

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We have two markets in August. The first is on **August 10th** when Duckies Donuts will be on site along with many of our usual vendors. The second is on **August 24th**. We now have two jewelry artists, Sharon and Nora, who do very different types of jewelry, but it's all beautiful, so come check them out. Remember to also attend the concerts following the market from 5 pm to 7 pm.

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 Hoodsport 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.

August Birthdays!

- 3 Pat Lakeman
- 7 Matt Hornyak
- 20 Kathryn Jasper
- 24 Carrie Sharp

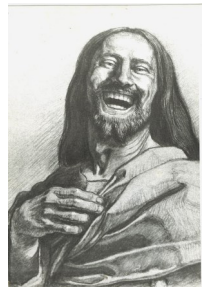


If your day is missed, please make sure that Donna or Amy gets birthday date information.

Funny, but true:

An older gentleman answered his door to two people holding religious pamphlets. He smiled politely and said, "No thanks. I already have a church that I don't go to."

Worshipping together weekly is important to the body of Christ. Individuals bringing their voices together gives strength to us all, and joy to our savior Jesus Christ.





AUGUST CONCERTS: 5 TO 7 PM

Music on the Hill

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August 10th: Lake Cushman String Trio



This group of local talents includes **Rebecca Holbrook** whose music is an original blend of 'New-Age, Old-Time, Folk Grass', also known as Americana. She sings, plays banjo, guitar, and banjo uke. Husband Gary (not pictured) may join in with his mandolin.

Steve Beck's musical tastes range from originals, blues and classics of rock and country which he strums on his guitar. ***See bio below.***



Clockwise from above:
Rebecca Holbrook,
Tom McLaughlin, Steve
Beck, Lisa Ramsauer
and Jim Moore

Tom is a well-liked local musician who often serenades the folks at the twice monthly Market on the Hill events. He favors Americana, folk, traditional and the blues.

August 24th: Lisa and the Lugs

Lisa Ramsauer, singer/songwriter with a sultry blues/folk feel, accentuated by her intricate guitar parts. She is joined by **Steve Beck**, **Jack Bradbury** the guitar dude, and **Jim Moore**, the grinnin' bass player and singer.



Steve Beck: how many bands is he in?!

Steve's interest in music started in his teens admiring the Beatles and Beach Boys. His first guitar was a blue Stella gifted to him in the 8th grade. In high school he received a drum set from his parents. Over the years, Steve has played guitar, bass and drums in different bands. He also had a small electric keyboard he played for a time. Steve served in the US Navy from 1968 to 1972, when he bought his first quality Martin D18 acoustic guitar. He started playing solo and began to write his own songs. In the early 1980's Steve was in various bands including a 50's/60's tribute band that toured the Pacific (Hawaii, Japan, South Korea, Philippines and Okinawa).

Steve was recording in his own studio when a friend suggested he get out in the world and play his music (thanks to Pete Tomack). Steve moved to Lake Cushman in 2017 with his partner, artist Lainey Ballew. Once the pandemic began to calm down, Steve decided to get out and play music again. He now runs the open mic at the Union Square Deli in Union, in addition to playing venues all over the South Sound. Last year, Steve began gathering musicians together and playing at St. Germain as part of our Music on the Hill concerts. He calls it herding cats, and has enjoyed our chapel venue, along with attentive audiences. Thanks Steve for your music and adding art to our community!

St. Germain's, how does your garden grow?

If you have been to the church in the last few months, you may have noticed that mother nature was out-pacing our ability to keep her under control. We finally called in the calvary to help our gardener extraordinaire, **Carrie Sharp**, get ahead with our beautiful grounds. North Winds Hardscape was hired to do some of the big jobs that have been needed for some time. **Rich and Rose Kallal** had previously helped out back with making our "courtyard" behind the church look pristine. We have had many other volunteers help out around the church and we appreciate everyone!!

And now we are much closer to having the church grounds we all want. Please take a moment to personally thank Carrie, because without her inspiration and tireless efforts, we would be up to our knees in weeds. AND she has a very productive vegetable beds going as well.



Special thanks to Betsy Sharp who donated a brand new battery powered lawn mower to help keep our grass trimmed to perfection.



Above and right: Carrie tackles the ivy from above and a North Winds Hardscape worker clears from above. Maple suckers, dead plants, and all sorts of weeds were removed from the banks and ditch around the entrance. Ivy was removed from around our sign, and the roof over the sign was cleared of moss.

St. Germain needs you!

Whether you help in the gardens or make coffee on Sunday, every task you do helps. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall. Thanks to all who help in any way they can!



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.

