



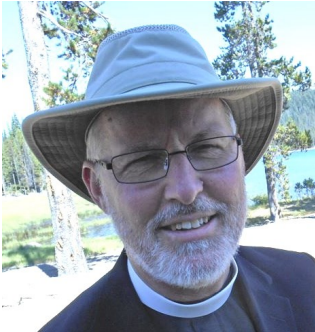
NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2025

ST. GERMAIN HOODSPORT

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HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



At our annual meeting in January, we elected three new members to the ongoing adventure we call the Bishop's Committee. My thanks to Donna O'Leary, Pat Lakeman, and John Drumm for stepping forward.

The Bishop's Committee is the body that makes decisions for St. Germain's. The mission of the Bishop's Committee is basically two things: to take care of the property and finances, and to discern God's call for the congregation. That's a tall order.

Each member of the Bishop's Committee serves for a three-year term, after which they must drop back for a year before running for election again. The Bishop's Committee meets once a month, usually in the middle of the day.

One of the good things about serving on the BC is that you really get to see what's going on in the church. The BC reviews our financial report monthly, makes plans for events, and grapples with any new challenges that arise. You never know what might come up at a BC meeting!

Another good thing about serving on the BC is that you see the wisdom of the church at work. Somehow we always come up with creative answers to knotty problems. We're a team.

We always begin our BC meetings with a short Bible study. I think it helps us remember that we're doing God's work. We're not just another non-profit board trying to balance the budget, we're on a mission from God!

I believe that leadership is what makes the difference in every organization. When you have good leadership, the organization thrives. Leaders set the tone for the organization. The attitude of the leaders becomes the attitude of the congregation. I've always found our BC meetings to be positive and creative.

I hope you'll support and encourage our BC members as they do their work in the coming year. And if you're ever asked to run for the Bishop's Committee, I hope you'll say yes.

Bill



**Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
for Holy Communion**

**Potluck on the last Sunday of the
month after the service**

Many of us grew up Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian and other faiths.

You will find yourself very familiar with our liturgy and our celebration of Holy Communion. Our doors are open to **ALL** and we believe that a community of diversity and acceptance starts in a safe and inclusive place of worship.

You are welcome to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding and mutual respect. No matter your identity or orientation, you are always welcome here!



OUR MISSION:

*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 that is grounded in God's Word and Sacraments.*

OUR VISION

Be the inclusive people of God



"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."



Confirmation is one of the sacraments in the Episcopal Church. The Book of Common Prayer says that “in the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop.” Confirmation gives us the opportunity to learn about and then avow

our faith, more fully comprehending the teachings and beliefs of the Episcopal tradition. It serves as a formal recognition of belonging and connection to this faith community. Contact Fr. Bill if you are interested.

You are invited to participate in the Diocesan Confirmation Series for Adults, a weekly Episcopal education series for those who would like to know more about the church and are seeking to better understand the tenets of this faith tradition. Starting on Sunday, February 23rd, we'll meet weekly via Zoom and for each session you will get to know and hear from a different “teacher.” We've invited a cross-section of clergy, lay leaders and even our Bishop to join us and share about the aspects of faith that mean the most to them. Our hope is that you get a sense of both the long-held traditions and the diverse perspectives which make the Episcopal faith rich and dynamic.

Schedule (Sessions go from 7 - 8:30 PM):

- **February 23:** Orientation & Getting to Know You [1 hour]
- **March 2:** Session 1
- **March 9:** Session 2
- **March 16:** Session 3
- **March 23:** Session 4
- **March 30:** Session 5
- **April 6:** Session 6
- **April 13:** Palm Sunday: Session 7
- **April 20:** Easter (No meeting)
- **April 27:** Session 8 with Bishop Phil LaBelle
- **Saturday, May 3:** Cathedral Day, Saint Mark's Cathedral

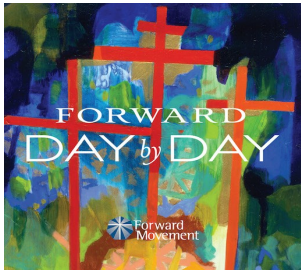
Topics will include:

- Reading & Understanding the Bible
- The Trinity: God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit
- Prophets & Heretics
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Nicene Creed
- The Book of Common Prayer
- Spiritual Self-Evaluation
- Christianity in the World

At the end of the series you will have the option to be confirmed or received at **Cathedral Day**, May 3, 2025 at Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, an annual tradition in the Diocese of Olympia. **Also, Bishop Sean Rowe will be visiting St. Germain's on July 20th and will confirm that day as well.** We also ask that you choose a sponsor. This could be someone from your church, a family friend, or a clergy member, who will help uphold and support you in your journey to confirmation/reception and beyond.

CHURCH OFFICE

Please remember to pick up your copy in the parish hall.



Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised

Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. Each month's meditation is written by a different author.

SPARE CHANGE?



Clean out that change cluttering your car, desk tops, dresser drawers, purses and pockets and bring your coins to the jar in the parish hall. The income we receive from

donations helps to cover the expenses for coffee hour supplies and any reimbursement requests from hosts if needed.

Remember to bring in all your pennies for the penny jar, too!

THANK 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is...



Love in Action

The most secure way to make your regular donations to St. Germain's is by setting up automatic payments on your bank's website. By adding St. Germain's as a "Payee" and using your bank's automatic bill pay process, we receive a paper check which is counted regularly with the monies put into the plate on Sundays. If you are set up on bill pay through your regular bank you may send your donation in that way. Our address and bill pay info is as follows: St. Germain Episcopal Church
PO Box 222
Hoodsport, WA 98548

Otherwise, you can write a check and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Pledge envelopes are available in the parish hall. Also, cash can be placed in an envelope and placed in the offering bowl. Again, thank you with all our hearts for your pledge, your presence, and your engagement in God's mission as it is expressed at St. Germain's.

ONLINE DONATIONS: Donations can now be made online through the main Diocese of Olympia giving account. The diocese will manage sending us whatever funds are donated to them along with a report of giver, amount, designation information and date of transaction. Here is the link:

<https://resources.ecww.org/give-parish/st-germain-hoodsport>

*Matthew 6:21 says,
"For where your treasure is, there will
also be your heart."*

REFLECTIONS by Curtis Pennington

Peggy and Alec Pennington graciously share these reflections by Alec's dad.

Love is that pure state of being where you know that which is God and you recognize that this is the Truth of your being

Love is that pure state of being where you see through the eyes of God and that you see is good, regardless of any outward appearances.

Love is that pure state of being where you are attuned to the wholeness of the universe and you recognize the divinity of yourself, your fellow man and all that makes up your world.

Love is that pure state of being expressed in both the physical and the spiritual. It contains no hurt but is healing; it is freeing rather than limiting. For true love comes from the inner being and always flows outward. The reciprocal feelings of love are but a reflection of your inner state of love.

The expression of love through your being is the expression of your highest self and it is the whole of you.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34-35).

WOMEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays 11 am - 1pm



We spend the first hour checking in, and sharing our monthly topic. The second hour of our meeting is devoted to event planning and administering our outreach ministries. Bring a lunch and if you have a craft to do while we meet (knitting, drawing, etc.) feel free to bring it. Please join us...all women from the community are welcome to attend!



This month the Director of our Altar Guild, Joanne Hash, will be joining us to explain the duties and responsibilities

of our Altar Guild. Volunteers prepare the church and the chapel for worship. Their ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. It is our hope that the women's group will take on this vital ministry so that we can all step in on a rotating basis.

Gracious God, bless your Church and all who minister at the altars and care for sacred vessels and linens. Give us an awareness of beauty and mindfulness in holy places that we may enable others to worship and set forward the coming of your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Music on the Hill



CELEBRATION OF LOVE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

LUNCH 1:30 PM CONCERT 3-5 PM

Returning to Hoodsport by popular demand!

HANK and CLAIRE'S VALENTINE EDITION!



Hank and Claire play and sing songs about all kinds of love: love of life, love of community, love of love, and more!

Enjoy sweet harmonies, a bit of sentiment, some fun, and a big dose of heart! You'll love Hank and Claire!

\$10-15 suggested donation with no one turned away.

TO CELEBRATE THE DAY WE ARE OFFERING A FREE SPAGHETTI LUNCH BEFORE THE CONCERT WITH SPAGHETTI, SALAD, BEVERAGE AND DESSERT. PLEASE RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH TO PREPARE.

360-877-9879

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Visit our website at

stgermainhoodsport.org

Sermons are posted on our

YouTube channel at

Saint Germain Church677

Watch a live stream of our

Sunday service on our

Facebook page.

St. Germain's Church Hoodsport



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Volunteer Leaders

Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington

Eucharistic Ministers - Kathryn Jasper, Donna O'Leary, Amy Leonard, Teresa Schenk-Stephens, Kit Brooks

Head Usher - Skip Hash

Music Director - Carrie Sharp

Newsletter - Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary

Altar Guild Director - Joanne Hash

(Peggy Pennington, Katy Fulton)

Treasurer - Donna O'Leary

Bell Ringer - John Drumm

Church Groundskeeper - Carrie Sharp

Facilities - Alec Pennington

Memorial Garden Sexton - Skip Hash



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The Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden - Carrie Sharp

Junior Warden - Peggy Pennington

People's Warden - Amy Leonard

Treasurer/Clerk - Donna O'Leary

Joanne Hash - Pat Lakeman - Kit Brooks - John Drumm