



St. Germain Hoodsport

NEWSLETTER

August 2025

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HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



Once when Jesus was speaking to the crowds at the Sea of Galilee, the crowds pressed in on him so closely that he had to get into a boat and push out into the lake where he continued to speak from the boat. It was a savvy move that helped him reach more people, and I think it was Jesus' first attempt at broadcasting.

Nowadays we livestream our service in an attempt to reach more people. Having a church website, a Facebook page, and a livestream service are almost required of any church that wants to expand its reach. Since the pandemic in 2020, we think of ourselves as having two congregations, one meeting in person, and another participating through the livestream.

The livestream helps people who aren't able to join us in person. It's also a way for newcomers to check us out and see if we might be the kind of church they'd like to attend. And there are some people who simply prefer to worship from the comfort of their home. I think that's just fine.

At St. Germain's, we have a tiny live-streaming camera that connects to our wi-fi system at church so we can go live on Facebook. It's truly miraculous technology, but, like all technology, it has its own headaches. For the last three Sundays it has refused to work, causing me no end of consternation just before the service begins.

My son, Guy, has helped me work through most of the glitches and I'm hopeful that next Sunday it will work flawlessly, as it has for most of the last three years.

But whether the livestream camera is working or not, we still focus on the presence of God when we worship. Whether we are attending in person or virtually, we know that God is with us. As Jesus reminds us, "Where two or three are gathered, there I will be in the midst of them."

Bill

August Birthdays

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



If your name does not appear in our birthday list please let Amy or Donna know so that we can add you and celebrate your special day.

O God, our times are in
your hand:
Look with favor, we pray,
on your servants as
they begin another year.
Grant that they may grow
in wisdom and grace, and
strengthen them who trust
in your goodness all the
days of their lives;
through Jesus
Christ. Amen.

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 monthly check and you don't have to worry about forgetting your pledge.

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.

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

Upcoming EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ARTS & CRAFTS

MARKET ON THE HILL

Saturday August 16

10 am - 3 pm

Shop for unique local gifts and
homemade goodies.

MUSIC ON THE HILL

Saturday August 16

noon - 2:00 pm

Featuring local folk & Americana
musicians

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY

Saturday September 6

10 AM—2 PM

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE



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 on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.** to learn about current events, stay abreast of church ministries, finances, status updates, proposals, and more.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST! The Bishop's Committee will not meet in August. Next meeting is September 17, 2025.

Minutes are available for anyone to view in the binder on the welcoming table in the parish hall. We also post treasurer's report, and contact information on far right of bulletin board above welcoming table.



Have you completed your safe church training? Do you need this training? Yes if you are

- Clergy or Eucharistic Minister
- Bishop's Committee Member
- Have a key to the church

The training is found on the ECWW.org web page. Contact Jann or Amy if you have any questions about this.

WOMEN'S GROUP



NEW TIME: Beginning August 11th, we will meet on the second and fourth Mondays from 9 AM to 11 AM. 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!***

Thinking of You by Linda Amundson

On a Monday when skies are blue,
On Tuesdays, trash day,
gazing past your empty space.
Wednesdays are busy,
you slip into the late evening,
Thursdays, I come home from this and that,
and you aren't there,
Fridays come and go and there is no one
to dance with on this Harvest Moon,
Saturday it's too quiet, no rumbles and grumbles
out in the yard.,
Sunday football has left the room,
music filters my daydreams while
I'm thinking of you.

Linda is a poet, multi-media artist and Cushman resident. Her husband Mitch died in July, 2024. This poem was written for him.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Have you heard of, or even seen **Alec Pennington**? He's our volunteer handyman and helper extraordinaire, but he definitely works behind the scenes. In the last few years he has done too many tasks to fully list but here are a few highlights:

- Replaced our toilets with chair height ones
- Took out our old water fountain
- Added shelving and useful storage to the shed
- Got our fire extinguishers serviced
- Has dealt with multiple wasp nests, repeatedly cleaned the gutters and roof
- Added new lights to the parish hall

Alec has also supported his wife Peggy, our junior warden, during the many events held at Saint Germain's by helping with banners, managing the parking lot and whatever else is needed.

Alec's volunteering is not limited to the church, as he is also the leader of Firewise for Lake Cushman and is working on getting a grant to increase fire prevention for the community.

He is also known to help his neighbors, especially those who may not have a partner to help, rescuing someone from a bee sting, or lending a handyman hand.

We are blessed to have Alec, and one day you may get to meet him.



Thanks volunteer grounds crew!

Thanks to all who helped Carrie beautify and nurture our gardens by pulling weeds and then dispersing six yards of compost! Pictured here are Veronica Harlan, Carrie Sharp, Anne Hash, Amy Leonard and Kathryn Jasper. Not pictured are Joe Barton, Rose and Rich Kallal.

Thanks be to God and all of YOU!



**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 Indi-
an Tribe and all In-
digenous 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 cul-
ture, resilience, and Indigenous identity."**

CONNECTIONS

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



Find us on:
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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

Members- Peggy Pennington, Katy Fulton, Veronica Harlan

Treasurer - Jann Goodpaster

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/ Clerk - Amy Leonard

Treasurer - Jann Goodpaster

Joanne Hash - Kit Brooks - John Drumm