



St. Germain Hoodsport

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NEWSLETTER

September 2025

HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



"Think globally, act locally" is a phrase I've heard many times. It encourages us to keep in mind the global consequences of what we do locally. Makes a lot of sense.

But I've been thinking about it lately from a different angle. "Act globally, react locally." What I mean is that we often suffer the consequences on a local level for something that has occurred far away.

For instance, climate change is a global problem, one that's hard for us to wrap our minds around. The problem is so big, and our ability to make a difference is so small, that it's overwhelming. And yet the severity of the Bear Gulch forest fire at the head of Lake Cushman is surely much worse because of the heating of the planet because of climate change. A global problem comes home locally.

Another example. The federal crackdown on immigration often seems far away from little old Hoodsport, and yet the Seattle Times reported that federal agents, including Border Patrol agents, came to the Bear Gulch fire, lined up a private firefighting crew and forced them to prove their citizenship. Two of the crew were arrested and taken away. Firefighters that we rely on to preserve our forests and our homes were snatched away.

Sometimes it feels helpless to be at the mercy of faraway forces that we can't control. But that's always been the case for local communities. We do what we can on a local level and we do our part in the democratic process to make a difference on the national level.

One thing we can do is pray. We pray for our firefighters who work the long grueling shifts on the fire line, and for the pilots who risk their lives to dredge water out of the lake to douse the fire high up on the ridges. May God keep them and guide them.

Bill



September Birthdays

29 Bill Fulton

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.

REFLECTIONS by Curtis Pennington

Be silent my child
God is speaking to you
With a voice from within.

His message is clear and distinct
Full of life and glory
If you will be quite and hear.

Let your ego subside
That your spirit may receive
Gods light and love
For that is your birthright.

God will come to you through the
quiet of your soul
Not on chariots of fire.
For God is not separate or apart from your being.

God walks with you,
Talks with you,
Resides with you
Every moment in time.

Be still
That you may hear
And know his truth.

The Hood Canal Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious food with dignity to our neighbors in need in Hoodspport and the Lower Hood Canal area. The food bank is a fully 100% volunteer-based organization. Our church supports their efforts with monthly monetary donations, parish members food donations, and volunteer hours.



DISASTER!!!



Are you prepared?

Attend Disaster Preparedness Day Event

INFORMATION, HANDOUTS, GIVEAWAYS

- Wildfire preparation and actions.
- Bug out bag and preparations for immediate response.
- Demonstration table - how to deal with down power lines.
- Giveaway 5 Emergency Kits.

Guest Speakers Include:

| TIME | TOPIC |
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| 12:30 | Initial response - Bug Out bags, What to Take and What to Do. - <i>Tom O'Conner and Matt West of CERT</i> |
| 1:30 | What to do if help doesn't arrive for days. - <i>Chris Carr, Disaster Survivor</i> |
| 2:30 | Ready for Anything: Emergency Preparedness with a Healthcare Lens. - <i>Patrick O'Neil, Mason General Hospital</i> |



September 6, 2025
12:00-4:00 pm
600 Lake Cushman Road (Hwy 119), Hoodsport, WA

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Carrie Sharp is our Senior Warden and so much more. Carrie was raised in the Catholic church, but was recently confirmed in the Episcopal faith. Her devotion to God is seen in many ways, but most especially in her role as our Grounds lead. She cares for our memorial and other garden areas with true passion. If you are at the church and see her watering, pruning, singing or dancing, remember she has ear buds in her ears — there really is music ! She also got us a donation from Brady Trucking for free compost!

Carrie, like most of us, has many roles within our small but mighty church. On Sunday mornings, you will hear her saying, “Please stand for hymn number 513 (or whatever number).” And we appreciate her getting us started and keeping us on track with our hymns.

In case you are unaware, the senior warden works closely with the vicar, and leads the Bishop’s Committee. This year Carrie led the way on getting our new floors, and with the help of a few gardening minions moved 6 yards of compost. Photo right of Veronica and Carrie with one wheelbarrow of compost.

Carrie has also helped with our trunk ‘n treat event at Halloween— see photo on left— only mildly scaring children, but mostly giggling and enjoying the event! Her enthusiasm is contagious in all areas. We are certainly blessed to have her, and her delightful mother Betsy, as members and volunteers at St. Germain’s.



*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4: 10)*

Volunteers don’t exist to DO the ministry, we ARE the ministry. Our volunteers are the unsung heroes of the church who are passionate about the mission of St. Germain’s.

There is a list in the parish hall of volunteer opportunities. You can volunteer to be a coffee host, usher, greeter, reader, etc. Please look it over and sign up if you are interested.

We are a small church, and we are all contributing in many ways. Everything you do makes a difference, we are forever grateful for each and every one of you for your vision, dedication, time, energies and talent. Thank you!

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE



Our members are caring people who share their 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. Page 7 has current list of those serving on the current Bishop's Committee.

WOMEN'S GROUP



NEW DAY & TIME: We now meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 9 am to 11 am.

We spend the first hour checking in, and sharing a reading. The second hour of our meeting is for ongoing projects, event planning and our outreach ministries. If you have a craft to do while we meet (knitting, drawing, etc.) feel free to bring it.

Join us, and remember all women from the community are welcome to attend!

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.

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."



**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."

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



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Volunteer Leaders

Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington

Eucharistic Ministers - Kathryn Jasper, Donna O'Leary, Amy Leonard, 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

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Junior Warden - Peggy Pennington

People's Warden/ Clerk - Amy Leonard

Treasurer - Jann Goodpaster

Joanne Hash - Kit Brooks - John Drumm