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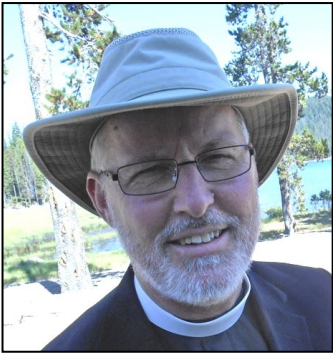
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## NEWSLETTER

April 2026



### THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



When I arrived at one of the churches I served as Vicar, I discovered that the Ministerial Association in town always observed a three-hour Ecumenical service on Good Friday, in our church.

At this service, clergy from various churches in town would preach a sermon every half hour with a short break between preachers. I was informed that it was my duty as Vicar to arrange the service and serve as the Officiant, being present the entire three hours.

This "Three hours at the Cross" service is a venerated tradition in some evangelical churches, because it's a way of remembering the three hours that Jesus hung in agony on the cross. But it's not very popular in Episcopal churches, and I wasn't familiar with it when I arrived.

What I discovered was that each preacher arrived at church with a flock of his or her congregants, and when their sermon was over, they all exited the church and the next preacher and their congregants arrived, and so on each half hour. So I was literally the only person who sat through the entire service.

Every year it seemed like one of the preachers found it necessary to describe in excruciating detail the agonies that Jesus experienced. The pain of the nails being driven through his hands and feet, the torturous thirst, the suffocating suspension on the crossbar.

By the time the service was over, I was an emotional wreck. Imagine how you would feel if you sat through six sermons in a row! After a few years I suggested to the Ministerial Association that we rotate the service among the different churches. After all, our church was really too small for such a gathering.

"Oh, no," they all said. "We've always had it at your church. It's the tradition." When I left that church after nine long years of Good Friday services, I vowed I'd never do another Three Hours at the Cross again.

The Good Friday liturgy that we observe each year is much more compact and meaningful. We remember the Passion of our Lord, we pray the heartfelt and ponderous Solemn Collects, we venerate the cross, and we go home. And it doesn't take anywhere near three hours.

See you Good Friday!

*Bill*

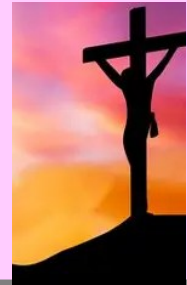
# *Celebrate Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026*

## *10:30 AM Eucharist Service*

*followed by Easter Potluck Dinner*



Join us also for  
**Good Friday Service**  
Noon, Friday, April 3



## **Feeding our neighbors**

*The need for food is year round*

We say it in the Lord's prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread." But not all neighbors have food security. The Hood Canal Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious food with dignity to our neighbors in need in Hoodspout and the Lower Hood Canal area. Financial donations and the work of dozens of dedicated volunteers keep this service going. Please put your non-perishable donations in the barrel by the parish hall for volunteers to take to the food bank. Easy open cans, boxes of pasta, and other easily transported items are most welcome.



### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

*In addition to our food and monetary donations, several church members volunteer their time at Hood Canal Food Bank. Yvonne Westover, Peggy Pennington and Donna O'Leary are among the many volunteers who keep the food bank staffed.*

## 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 to learn about current events, stay abreast of church ministries, finances, status updates, proposals, and more. Meeting is at 11:45 AM on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

## WOMEN'S GROUP



### **NEW MEETING TIME and DAY.**

Wear your comfy clothes, and we will have coffee ready. We spend the first hour sharing discussing spiritual readings. The second hour of our meeting is for hands on work around the church, writing notes, event planning or whatever needs to be addressed. Bring a snack 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!**

**Every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM**

### *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.”**



**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.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

(1 Peter 4: 10)

## *April Birthdays*

**April 4            John Drumm**  
**April 5            Alec Pennington**  
**April 29          Joe Barton**

**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.**

*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.*



## *We celebrate Holy Eucharist every week!*



**Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for Holy Communion and for our potluck meal 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!

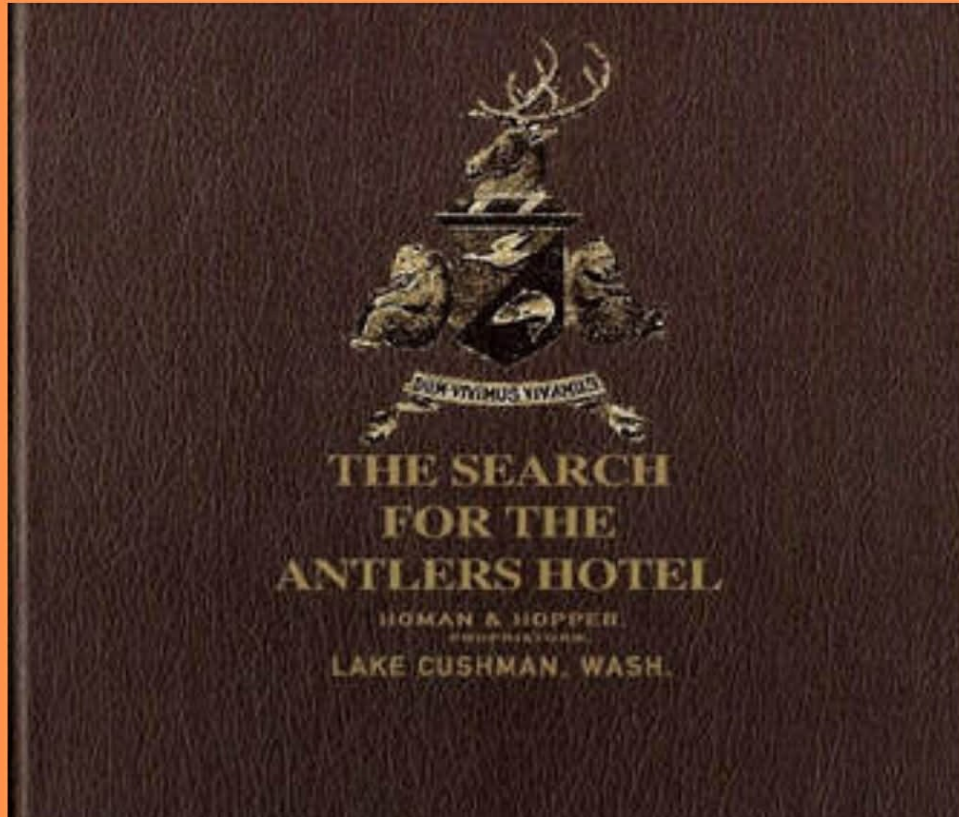
# LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE



**Saturday, April 25th | 10 AM - 2 PM**  
**600 N Lake Cushman Rd.**

Come meet and interact with 20+ local authors. Authors will read excerpts of their works throughout the event. Each reading will be followed by a Q&A session to gain insights into what inspired the author to write, and so that you may ask them questions about their work. Many genres are represented including children's books, historical novels, spiritual thrillers, and other fiction and nonfiction. Be sure to attend and support our local authors.

# A Special Showing The Search for the Antlers Hotel



**April 18<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm**

**600 N. Lake Cushman Road**

**Hoodsport**

Join us for a showing of this historic film created by Dan Warter from DCFilms.

Dan Warter and Bill Jensen will be there to answer questions about this amazing expedition! We will have some artifacts from the hotel on site as well as a collection of photos of the hotel.

We are asking for a \$5 donation with all proceeds going to the Hood Canal Food Bank. We will be collecting canned and dried goods for donation as well.

**Tickets available on Eventbrite, or you can email**  
**dnitra@gmail.com**

## CONNECTIONS

Visit our website at  
[stgermainhoodsport.org](http://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.

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**Events Coordinator** - Peggy Pennington

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Kathryn Jasper, Amy Leonard, Kit Brooks

**Head Usher** - Skip Hash

**Supporting ushers**- John Drumm

**Music Director** - Carrie Sharp

**Newsletter** - Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary

**Altar Guild Director** - Joanne Hash

**Members**- Peggy Pennington,  
Katy Fulton and Anne Hash

**Bell Ringer** - John Drumm

**Church Groundskeeper** - Carrie Sharp

**Facilities** - Alec Pennington



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### The Bishop's Committee

**Senior Warden** - Peggy Pennington

**Junior Warden** - John Drumm

**People's Warden/ Clerk** - Amy Leonard

**Treasurer** - Jann Goodpaster

**Donna O'Leary - Kit Brooks - Debra Rollevson**