



St. Germain Hoodsport

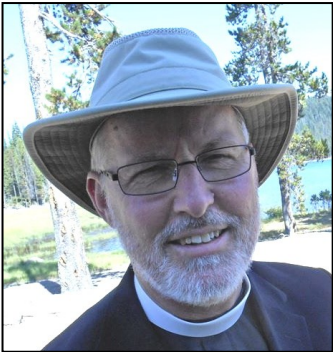
www.saintgermainhoodsport.org

NEWSLETTER

March 2026



THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



At our Bishop's Committee Retreat last week, I passed around a roll of toilet paper and told the members of the group, "Take as much as you need."

"What's it for?" they asked. "I'm not telling," I said. Some nervously took one sheet, some many sheets.

When everyone had their turn, I said, "For each sheet of toilet pa-

per you took, tell one unusual thing about yourself." Then everyone exhaled and laughed, because we all had plenty of things to share about ourselves. It was a good start to our retreat.

We had a short Bible study, introduced the "Gather-Transform-Send" model of the church, ate lunch together, and generally enjoyed each other's company. It was great to have some relaxed time together.

We also set some goals for the coming year. Let me share them with you.

1. Improve our music. Although our current system works well, we'd like to investigate new sources of music (especially songs that are easy to sing) and additional sources of accompaniment. Jann agreed to be our point person.
2. Bible study. There's a lot of energy around a short Bible study after church. Those who are interested could grab a cup of coffee and go into the church to discuss a Bible passage or perhaps another topic related to the Bible. Amy will take on this challenge.
3. Increase the number of groups using our building. This gives us increased visibility to our community and makes our building a resource for others. We'll need to update our guidelines and forms. Donna will lead this effort.

As always, members of the Bishop's Committee appreciate your input on these and other items. Members are Peggy Pennington (Senior Warden), John Drumm (Junior Warden), Amy Leonard (Clerk), Jann Goodpaster (Treasurer), Kit Brooks, Donna O'Leary, Deborah Rollevson, and myself (ex officio).

Bill

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.

Starting in March, we will be meeting the third Sunday of the month at 11:45 AM, which will be on March 15.



WOMEN'S GROUP

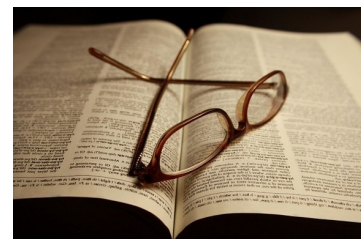


NEW MEETING TIME and DAY.** Wear your comfy clothes, and we will have coffee ready. We spend the first hour checking in, and sharing spiritual readings. The second hour of our meeting is for hands on work around the church, writing notes, event planning or whatever needs to be addressed. Bring a snack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

Schedule Change to allow for sleeping in:
Every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Starting March 4th

Special Lenten study!
During Lent we will be reading the diocesan recommended book “The Serviceberry,” by Robin Kimmerer. We will read a portion prior to each week’s meeting, and meet to discuss it with questions to help guide our understanding.



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.

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)

March Birthdays



March 12 Rose Kallal

March 25 Jerry Frye

**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!

Feeding our neighbors

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, through donations and the work of dedicated volunteers.

The food bank is a fully 100% volunteer-based organization. Dozens of people volunteer many hours to keep our food bank functioning. Please put your non-perishable donations in the barrel by the parish hall for volunteers to take to the food bank.

The need for food is not just during the holidays, please remember to continue to provide for our neighbors in need throughout the year.

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.

How to Contribute

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
Hoodspport, 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.

Please remember to pick up your copy of Forward Day by Day 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.*

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Yvonne Westover has been a member of St. Germain's for many years. She is an active member of our women's group and a welcoming presence at every Sunday service. Each week she shows up online or in person. But Yvonne does not merely attend, she also serves. Whether its a holiday gathering, a fundraiser or a special event, Yvonne is there.

If you've enjoyed a plate of homemade cookies at one of our church events, chances are Yvonne has lovingly served them with warmth and fellowship. As one of our "Kitchen Queens," her generosity is measured not just in cookies but in the spirit of hospitality she shares so freely.

Her commitment to service doesn't stop at our church doors. Yvonne volunteers at the Hood Canal Food Bank, working alongside fellow church members, helping to ensure that neighbors in need have access to essential food and supplies. She is also a member of the Hoodspert Friends of the Library who works to support literacy and learning in our community.

Yvonne's life reflects a simple but powerful truth: small acts, done consistently and with love, create strong communities. We are deeply grateful for her dedication, her kindness, and the many ways she enriches both our church and the wider community. Thank you, Yvonne, for being such a faithful example of service in action.



“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



Find us on:
facebook®



Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington

Eucharistic Ministers - Kathryn Jasper, Amy Leonard, Kit Brooks

Head Usher - Skip Hash

Supporting ushers- John Drumm and
Veronica Garcia

Music Director - Carrie Sharp

Newsletter - Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary

Altar Guild Director - Joanne Hash

Members- Peggy Pennington,
Katy Fulton, Veronica Garcia

Bell Ringer - John Drumm

Church Groundskeeper - Carrie Sharp

Facilities - Alec Pennington



St. Germain's Episcopal Church
600 N. Lake Cushman Rd. - P. O. Box 222
Hoodsport, WA 98548

saintgermainhoodsport@gmail.com 360-877-9879

The Rev. Bill Fulton, Vicar, billfulton2001@yahoo.com
Church Office saintgermainhoodsport@gmail.com

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