



St. Germain Hoodsport

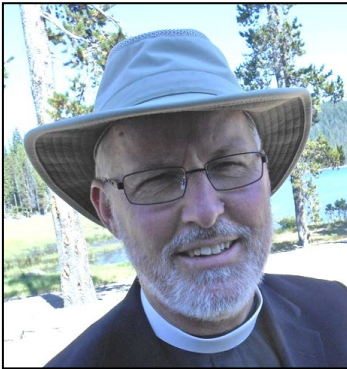
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NEWSLETTER

August 2026



THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



Last week Katy and I had the heat pump and furnace in our house replaced. The smart young technicians assured us that the old unit, which was twenty years old, was long overdue to be replaced. We choked when we saw the estimate for replacement, but we went ahead anyway.

Now that the new unit is in place, we have cool, fresh air running through our ducts, and it is a huge relief. Even a few days without air conditioning convinced us.

I remember my mother telling about her childhood on a ranch in South Dakota in the twenties and thirties. "Some mornings we would wake up with frost on our blankets. We would jump out of bed and run downstairs to stand around the heat vents. Dad had been up hours before us to shovel coal in the furnace downstairs."

I've lived in drafty old houses without central heat and I remember the cold drafts of air in the corners and the hallways. It was either too hot or too cold. You could never really get comfortable.

So I'm grateful for the two young guys who arrived one morning to dismantle the old unit and install the new one. The lead man was sleepy because he and his wife have a one year old that kept him up the better part of the night. By the end of the second day, they had the new unit installed and it was pouring blessedly cool air into the house.

I think there should be a prayer in the Prayer Book for all those who sustain the everyday necessities that we depend on. The plumbers, electricians, septic techs, appliance repair people, house cleaners, yard maintenance workers and the public utility techs that keep society functioning. What would we do without them?

When I think of all the people God has placed in my life to sustain me and my family, I'm overcome with awe. Every day God upholds us with his loving care and concern. I'm grateful.

"The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature." Psalm 145:16-17.

Bill



August Birthdays

Pat Lakeman August 3 Matt Hornyak August 7
Kathryn Jasper August 21 Sharron Heatherly August 21
Carrie Sharp August 24 Debra Rollevson August 31

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 need for food is year round

We say it in the Lord's prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread." Hood Canal Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious food with dignity to our neighbors in Hoodspport and the Lower Hood Canal area. Non-perishable food donations may be put 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. Personal hygiene items and gently used clothing are also accepted.



We want your opinion!

We are working on improving our music. Father

Bill has added his guitar to some of our hymns, which has been a lovely addition. And we will be adding hymns that we have available through a supplementary hymnal as part of this ongoing process.

But we also want to know what your favorite hymns are so that we can add them to our weekly services. If you know the title (or some of the words), please let us know by emailing us at

saintgermainhoodsport@gmail.com.

You can also share your favorites with Carrie or Father Bill at church. Improving our music is one of the goals the Bishop's Committee established for this year, and we appreciate your help in meeting this goal.

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 "ayee" 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

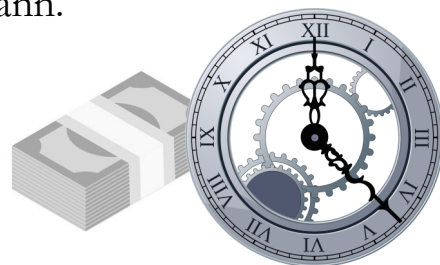
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Otherwise, you can write a check and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Pledge envelopes are available in the parish hall. Also, cash can be placed in an envelope and placed in the offering bowl. **ONLINE DONATIONS:** Donations 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>

What is stewardship?

The answer is generally summarized as sharing one's time, talent and treasure, but is there more to it than that? We are looking for volunteers to join a stewardship committee, led by our treasurer Jann Goodpaster. If this feels like something you'd like to help with, please contact Jann.



Saint Germain's is planning a labyrinth : have you ever walked one?



Sample of a walking labyrinth, not exactly what we will create.

We are in the process of clearing space and creating a labyrinth for walking meditation. The spiral has long symbolized growth, the cyclical nature of life, and moving into and out of our physical and spiritual selves. Walking these paths help us focus and find a peaceful path for prayer and meditation.

We need rocks and stones for the path demarcation. If you have softball size and larger rocks, we would gladly like to have them. Drop off any time.

Beyond Patriarchy: Women and Men Seeking Christ in the 21st Century

A discussion group
for adults
Sundays in September
9 AM to 10 AM

Come discuss what the bible teaches and what we use in our modern lives. Topics include, but not limited to, women in the bible, god's gender (or lack?), language and issues specific to men and women.

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 need YOU!

Everything you do at St. Germain's makes a difference. We are grateful for each and every one of you who volunteers. We are currently in need of ushers and altar guild helpers. We also need those who are willing to be trained as Eucharistic Ministers: confirmed Episcopalians of any gender are needed to be trained and licensed (no cost to you). Please contact Father Bill if you are interested in filling this role. Finally, if you are able to help pull weeds, water or help in any way in the gardens, please let Carrie know. We have projects and weekly maintenance needs.

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. The meeting is at 11:45 AM on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the church.

Bishop's Committee meeting minutes are kept in a binder and include a snap shot of our fi-

As of June '26	Monthly	YTD
Revenue	\$3877	\$26,353
Expenses	\$3,074	\$18,924

nances here, with the full monthly treasurer's report also posted in Hash Parish Hall. Please note that this information will always lag due to reporting time and publication of the news-

NO Bishop's Committee meeting in August

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



**"We gratefully acknowledge
the Skokomish Indian Tribe and all In-
digenous Peoples. Our building and fa-
cilities stand on the traditional land of
the people, whose ancestors have re-
sided 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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Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington

Eucharistic Ministers - Kathryn Jasper, Amy Leonard, Kit Brooks, Donna O'Leary, Debra Rollevson

Head Usher - Skip Hash

Supporting Usher- 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 and John Drumm



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The Bishop's Committee

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Junior Warden - John Drumm

People's Warden/ Clerk - Amy Leonard

Treasurer - Jann Goodpaster

Donna O'Leary - Kit Brooks - Debra Rollevson