



St. Germain Hoodsport

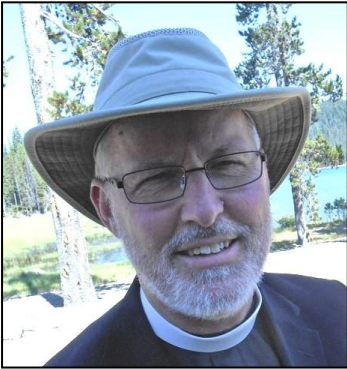
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NEWSLETTER

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THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



The first time I ever made a financial investment was when Katy and I bought EE Bonds for our sons' future college costs. We were living in Alaska at the time, and although the boys were just toddlers, they got an annual check from the Alaska Permanent Dividend Fund like everyone else. We bought the bonds because they're guaranteed by the US government to double in value over twenty years. When our sons entered college, it was truly gratifying to dig out those bonds and cash them in for their tuition. I can't think of a better investment.

Well, maybe one. I would say that the money you give to your church is the best investment you can make. "What?" you say. "That's a donation. I'll never see that money again." But just think about how that money comes back to you. It comes back in the warmth of knowing that you are part of something bigger than you are. It comes back to you in trust, meaning, and devotion. It comes back in something bigger and deeper and more meaningful than the number on the check.

In Second Corinthians, Paul is writing to encourage his readers to give to the church in Jerusalem. He says, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." He compares giving to the sowing of seed that will later produce a rich harvest. I am convinced that the money Katy and I give to the church will ultimately come back to us. It may be that we won't recognize it when it happens, but I'm sure that our investment in God's church will pay off. There's no better investment.

Every year I plan my budget so that I give away a tithe, or ten percent, of my income. Most of that tithe goes to St. Germain's. For 2027 we'll pledge \$644 a month, which is 3.8% more than we pledged in 2026, about the same as the increase in the cost of living. I hope you'll consider how you might make a pledge to St. Germain's for 2027. A pledge is your best estimate of what you can give in the coming year. It's not set in concrete; you can amend it at any time, and it should be a good fit for your budget. Think of it as your best investment in the coming year.

Bill

October Birthdays

Jann Goodpaster October 7

Marleigh Gaines October 21

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.

We want to celebrate your special day, so if your name does not appear in our birthday list, please let Amy or Donna know so that we can add you!

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.



How to Contribute

Yes, you can make **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/stgermain-hoodsport>

Feeding our neighbors

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 Hoodsport and the Lower Hood Canal area. Nonperishable food donations may be put in the barrel in 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 are also accepted. As a church we also support the food bank with monthly financial contributions adding to the power of our giving.

Saint Germain's is planning a labyrinth!

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 like to have them. Drop off any time.



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.

WOMEN'S GROUP



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 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."

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Saint Germain Church677

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Sunday service on our
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CONNECTIONS

Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington

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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

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