



We Are Church Together!

Gathering with folks from around our Northwest Washington Synod at synod assembly always reminds me of how we are part of something much bigger than our little congregation. As one of the things we do is to approve the Synod budget, I was reminded that nearly half of what we congregations send to the Synod as mission support is sent on to Churchwide to help fund all the amazing ministries that the ELCA is involved in at home and abroad. As each of us gives our personal offering to Peace, we are all part of the financial gifts that support the work of the Church helping start to new ministries, support existing congregations, train new pastoral leaders, develop innovative spiritual outreach, share new and existing resources, engaging in God’s work. Let us give thanks that being generous together can accomplish great things!

Pastor Annette

HOW MISSION SUPPORT FUNDS MINISTRY ACROSS OUR CHURCH



Youth, Family, and Community News- Mary Fuentes

Halfway through the year and I am feeling overly blessed! These past five months have been filled with much Joy and Laughter, Praise GOD!! I can only imagine what God has in store for us over the coming summer months. I see campfires, bible school, hiking, camping, lunches and dinners to new places, and lots of picnics. I see these things and so much more. My hope is that there will be something for everyone and if you don't see or hear about something that makes you want to join us, you will share something with me, and we will make it happen together.

Out Dinner group has changed their dinner night to the first Tuesday of the month. On June 4th we will be traveling into Everett to try a new to some of us restaurant, We will be leaving Peace at 5:20 with dinner reservations for 6pm. Please reach out to me right away. I need to get final numbers to the restaurant.

Out to Lunch bunch will be heading North to the Edison Inn on the Wednesday the 19th. I've heard good things and look forward to trying this restaurant out. We will be departing Peace at 10:30 and hope to be in Edison at 11:30. If all goes to plan maybe we will stop at Christiansons Nursery or Skagit Gardens on the way home. Please reach out to me, so I can give the restaurant an approximate number of folks.

Bible School is June 25-27, and you can pick up a registration form in the narthex. Kris has some fun music planned and Dana is going to surprise you all with her crafts. Story time is going to break into two groups. I will take the younger kids while Pastor Annette will be leading the older kids. Once again, the Church ladies will be kicking off the night with dinner for the entire family and Al and Judy will close out the evening with smores around the campfire (remember I said there would be campfires). I am so excited to share this year's stories all about God and I hope you will all come join us. We will have a designated area for parents to hang out or you can join in the fun and help lead a group.

Go Green Tip: This summer when your out and about remember what ever you pack at home to take with you be sure and pack it back to your home. There is nothing worse than being on a beautiful hike looking at Gods wonders only to see garbage along the trail.

Food Bank Item of the month: As we approach the summer months when kids are not in school and guaranteed a meal, the bank asks for kid friendly donations- crackers, boxed cereal, top ramen, fruit snacks.....

Larry and I are planning a trip to see the Mariners. If you would like to join us for an afternoon game, please sign up. We have not set the date yet as we want to see how much interest we have. We are thinking mid-week or a Sunday afternoon.

July 27th is the Silvana Fair and the church hosts a hospitality booth each year. We hand out water and home-made cookies. We are looking for folks to help work the booth and make cookies. This is a fun day to meet the locals and be a presence in the community. If you have an idea of a way to change things up or would like to volunteer to help set up, take down, or work the booth during the day please reach out to me.

Church and friends' picnic at Maudie's on August 11th. We are super excited to be going to Maudie's for this year's church picnic. This is a potluck with the burgers being provided by Peace. Church will be up at LWCH and then directly following we will all head to Maudie's. Please pack chairs, your favorite side dish and your laughter.

A couple dates to put on your calendar. July 5th potluck BBQ at the farm, 11th Day Trip, 19th potluck BBQ at the farm, 27th Silvana Fair, August 6-8 Camp Bedal, 11th Church Potluck at Maudie's directly following worship, 16th potluck BBQ at the farm.



Days for Girls International (DfG) is a nonprofit organization that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods.

The Stanwood-Camano chapter of Days for Girls is on a mission to ensure everybody has access to sustainable and affordable menstrual hygiene products, globally and locally. **Days for Girls International** has been operating since 2008.

Internationally, the nonprofit has reached 2.5 million women and girls in 144 countries with menstrual health solutions and education, trained 200 enterprise leaders and mobilized more than 1,000 volunteer chapters, teams and clubs. The Stanwood-Camano chapter has discovered a great need locally for **Days for Girls** products.

There is something for everyone to help with, no matter the skill level.

For more information, you can talk with Kris Rinnert or Karen Dicken and please check out [Days for Girls International](#) at this link.



It's time to register for Vacation Bible School!



June 25th—June 27th

5:30-8:00 pm

Preschool through 5th grade.

**We will kick off the fun with family dinner,
everyone is welcome to stay the entire evening!**

Register now!

360-652-8739/office@plsilvana.org

MAY 2024 STILLAGUAMISH LAY CLUSTER NEWS

Susann Hendrickson & Kevin Teichgrab (Camano Lutheran Church)

Greg Husted & Carol Lindenmuth (Our Saviors Lutheran Church)

Jolene Rod, Karen Dicken, Debra Compton, Kris Rinnert (Peace Lutheran)

Greetings to all from the Lay Cluster Group. You may have heard mention of us and wondered what we're about.....so a VERY brief history. The Stillaguamish Cluster is made up of North Snohomish County/Island County ELCA Lutheran Churches. In late 2020 the pastors of the cluster invited lay leadership to come together to uplift one another and explore ways to strengthen the relationships of the cluster community. Blessed by proceeds from a Grace Grant, Deacon Le Brandes was able to lead the core group of participants for a year. During that time we wrestled with two books: *Leading in a Liminal Season, How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going* (Susan Beaumont) & *Living Lutheran, Renewing Your Congregation* (Dave Daubert).

We continue to meet on a regular basis. Recently we have been blessed to be able to participate in a fulfilling and enlightening coaching/mentoring series under the guidance of Pastors Jade Chienyu and Hector Garfias-Toledo.

If you have any questions or would like more in depth information about some of our ideas or have some thoughts or ideas you'd like to share, we invite you to engage with any of the above people.

Mission Statement of the Stillaguamish Lay Cluster

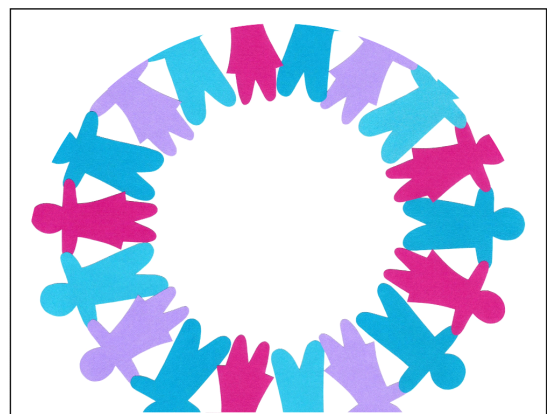
Our individual congregations are changing and have limited resources to address the growing needs of our communities. Our communities will benefit from the strength of the Stillaguamish Cluster when we come together to more effectively "love our neighbor."

God is calling our congregations to work more closely together. To accomplish this we will increase connections, communication and opportunities to love and serve our neighbors.

We seek to increase connections by fostering relationships individually and congregationally. We are working to create avenues of better communication via websites and church newsletters. We will continue to invite and share reimagined opportunities to work together.

The energy and excitement of our previous combined worship services benefited a variety of local charities.

We are looking forward to where God is leading us. We are the Body of Christ and Stronger Together.



THE CLUSTER CORNER

♪♪ **Happy Birthday To You** ♪♪

June Birthdays

- 4 Larry Hanson
- 21 *Mason Field*
- 24 *Cora Kombol*
- 25 Stephanie Bean
- 26 Larry Bean
- Marcia Erwin
- 28 Bob Wall
- 29 Karen Dicken
- 30 Victoria Sather

**youth are italicized*



This Father's Day, June 16th, In the East parking lot we will be hosting a car/truck show for all members and community members. I happen to know that we have some pretty snazzy cars within the congregation and some trucks with some serious chrome. It's time to pull off the dust covers and put a little more shine on them. I can't wait to see what folks show up with! -Mary

Out To Lunch Bunch

June 19th
Edison Inn
Bus leaves Peace at 10:30

Out To Dinner Group

June 4th
Bus leaves Peace at 5:20

Peace Lutheran Church Women

Lydia Circle: June 3rd at 5:30 pm

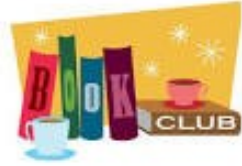
PLCW: June 5th at 11:30 am

Naomi Circle: June 12th at 9:30 am

LWR Quilting: June 21st at 10:00 am



We plan to meet on June 25th. Keep a look out in your bulletin and weekly email for book selection and time and place for our meeting!



SAVE THE DATE!

The Stillaguamish Cluster has begun planning for our 3rd annual Cluster Worship Service.

Sunday , September 15, 2024

Stanwood Fair Grounds

BECOME INVOLVED BY SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS & IDEAS

We are STRONGER TOGETHER



Lutheran World Relief Quilters

We will continue to meet all throughout the summer months to prepare for our fall shipment. Come lend a hand (or paw).

We welcome all the help we can get!

Early summer worship is back by request! Beginning in July, we will gather at Peace at 8:30 and then have our traditional summer service at 10 at the Little White Church On The Hill.



June 2024

Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
*“Called by Christ to offer help, hope,
 and healing.”*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*OTLB=Out to Lunch Bunch *OTDG=Out to Dinner Group *PLCW= Peace Lutheran Church Wom-						1
2 Adult Ed 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Graduate Sunday	3 AA 10 am Lydia Circle 5:30 pm	4 AA Noon Out to Dinner Leave Peace 5:20 pm	5 PLCW 11:30 am Al-Anon 10 am	6	7 AA Noon	8
9 Adult Ed 9 am Worship 10 am	10 AA 10 am 4-H 6:30 pm	11 AA Noon	12 Naomi 9:30 Al-Anon 10 am	13	14 AA Noon Piano Recital & Reception 4 pm	15
16 Adult Ed 9 am Worship 10 am Car Show following worship	17 AA 10 am	18 AA Noon Council 6:30	19 OTLB Leave Peace 10:30 am Al-Anon 10 am	20 Witness Deadline Gathering Place 3:30	21 AA Noon Quilting 10-2	22
23 Adult Ed 9 am Worship 10 am	24 AA 10 am	25 AA Noon VBS 5:30-8	26 Al-Anon 10 am VBS 5:30-8	27 Office Closed VBS 5:30-8	28 AA Noon	29
30 Adult Ed 9 am Worship 10 am						

Who dies by suicide?

Statistics don't tell the whole story.

BY ELISE SEYFRIED

STATISTICS INDICATE THAT A PERSON who dies by suicide is most likely to be a white or Native American male, aged 55 to 75. Men are three times more likely than women to die by suicide. But statistics don't tell a complete story. Deaths of despair occur with every age, gender and ethnicity.

Todd was 22, a recent college graduate working as a civil engineer, and a bright young man with a promising future. Yet he suffered from deep depression. On a Friday evening, Todd called his mother, Sherry, and said he was thinking of ending his life. Sherry got him to a hospital emergency room. Unfortunately, the medical personnel concluded that he was not a risk to himself, and he was sent home. Todd died by suicide on Sunday.

Heather was a loving mom of two. She sang in her congregation's praise band and was very involved with church activities. But Heather had a history of self-harm as a teenager, and her mental health issues surfaced again. She attempted suicide four times in one year before losing her life to suicide. Heather told her family, "I just want this pain to stop." She died at age 53.

Deb was a wife, a mother of three and a professor of public

health. She taught Sunday school for many years and was much loved in the community. Unlike Heather, Deb gave no indication that she was contemplating suicide—she seemed excited about upcoming events. But Deb, too, suddenly passed away, at age 49.

Todd, Heather and Deb have left us, but their stories are not over. Their families have turned grief into positive action, participating in suicide prevention efforts on local and national levels.

Here's some advice from their families:

- Let young people know to tell a caring adult if a friend confides that they are experiencing suicidal thoughts. There are resources and people to help.
- Educate yourself and others about suicide risk and prevention.
- Don't be afraid to ask a person if they're thinking of suicide—it won't increase the chances of completion.

"As someone who lost a family member to suicide and now works in the mental health field, it's evident to me that mental health is a part of human nature," says Deb's daughter, Tess. "Some people might just be better at hiding the bad, in fear of being judged."

Deb's husband, Mike, adds:

"Don't try to find answers; find peace. For those who want to support people who are grieving, you are not a reminder of loss, but a reminder of the love that person shared. There are no right words, so don't try to find them. Just be there."

For centuries, suicide was considered a grave sin. Those who died by suicide were condemned by the church. Nowadays churches stress that God loves the deceased person tremendously and welcomes them into heaven. Suicide is a desperate act, born of great mental anguish. We need to pay attention to each other and reach out if we see someone struggling. And hopefully, someday, suicides will stop, forever. 🌿

Suicide Crisis Hotline

Dial 988, text "STRENGTH" to the Crisis Text Line at 741741, or visit www.988lifeline.org

Lutheran Suicide Prevention Ministry

was begun by ELCA members Jerry and Elsie Weyrauch after the suicide of their daughter. www.suicidepreventionministry.org

The QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)

Institute trains ordinary people to help save lives. www.qprinstitute.org

ELCA Social Statement on Suicide:

located on the ELCA website (elca.org)



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Thank you, Karen Fuentes for your desire to raise awareness on this important issue.



Poverty 101
 June 8, 2024
 Our Saviors Lutheran, Arlington, WA

Building a solid foundation for relational poverty alleviation



Poverty 101 - June 8th -Poverty 101 is a training class that will help our community better understand the unique challenges of long-term poverty. It is designed to provide tools that will help each of us find the best way to engage with the people God puts in our path. There will be a class held here at Our Saviour's 9:00am-3:00pm.

Register online on the Everett Gospel Mission's website.

Check out this upcoming opportunity within the cluster!



2024 Graduate

I grew up in Arlington. I played soccer for 12 years and have shown my Red Angus cattle in both FFA and 4-h. Therefore I'm very competitive in everything I do. I enjoy traveling with my mom throughout the years going many different places. Some of my favorite places have been Iceland, New Orleans, and Guatemala. I'm the current president of Silvana Lads and Lassies 4H club. After high school I plan to go to cosmetology school then go to Texas A&M to study Mechanical Engineering.

Taylor Haugen



2024 Graduate

Shelby Wing is graduating from Marysville Pilchuck High School. She is the daughter of Marlene Wing and Charlie Wing, and grand daughter of Coni Moyer. She was baptized with her dad at Peace on Fathers day in 2006. She has been very active in NJROTC her junior and senior year, arriving at school at 6am every day for zero

hour. She is planning on going to cosmetology school at EVCC. She is very active in prep band playing at school games.



ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith

The Sunday morning Adult Education class has been engaging in a lively discussion of the latest draft of a statement produced by the ELCA Task Force for Studies on Civic Life and Faith. The purpose of this study is to help faithful Lutherans discern their way through the challenges of living as committed Christians *and* engaged citizens of our American democracy.

This tension between American civic life and Christian faith has become more fraught with concern due to the rise in Evangelical circles of what has been termed “Christian Nationalism”, which promotes the beliefs that this country was founded as a specifically Christian nation (though they only seem to acknowledge particular expressions of Christianity as legitimate), that Christians should direct this country’s laws, structures and political policies, and that this “Christian America” enjoys special God-given blessing and privileges. While we can acknowledge that this movement is a response to genuine anxiety over the many changes in American culture, we must remain clear that it is contrary to both our constitutional history, as well as verging on idolatrous to the biblical witness.

The document can be found at elca.org/civicsandfaith.

Here are some helpful excerpts:

Article 3: Both the biblical witness and human history make clear that human beings are inherently social creatures and necessarily political beings. God’s intent is for human beings to use knowledge, wisdom and power to foster the common good.

Article 11: This church expects that each worshipping community will be engaged in active civic participation as one element of life in Christ’s church.

Article 14: The church’s prophetic presence in civic life calls for holding civic leaders accountable, taking constructive action and lifting up a vision for improved social well-being.

Article 19: Civic participation necessarily involves matters of government and political life. “Politics” in this statement is understood as the negotiation of how the benefits, burdens, rights and responsibilities of living in a society are shared.

Article 24: The Constitution explicitly supports religious neutrality and diversity. The Constitution’s choice was for religious self-determination. The later First Amendment to the Constitution expressed neutrality toward religion, thereby encouraging plurality of religion in society.

Article 47: The ELCA urges its members to renew their efforts toward robust civic participation, guided by concern for the well-being of all.

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Look Inside for information about church and community events and post the calendar on your wall so you don't miss a thing!