



A message from Pastor Scott Peterson

We have once again passed the summer solstice and look forward to the coming weeks of Summer. After experiencing the many events and opportunities to gather last year, I am truly looking forward to not only seeing you on Sunday mornings as we gather for worship, but I am also excited to see you 'out and about' as we partake of the wider community offerings that gather us together in many and varied ways. Whether it is music, art, shipwreck treasures, kayaking, walking the loop, Wednesday picnics, sittin' on the dock of the bay, or any other possibility, we can surely find time to also sit in the presence of God amid all these many offerings.

God is not absent from all these events and activities, but rather is always present with us as we go about our daily walk. We often just need to take a moment to become aware of that presence and give God thanks for the wondrous life we have been given. That is not to say that each of our lives doesn't have its struggles and difficulties, but by having a sense of gratitude even at those times reminds us that God is with us and does not forsake us. I pray that we might find times of recreation during this season so that we may be re-created again and again to more fully live out that image of God in which we were created.

And now that the tent caterpillars have gone into their cocoons, we can get back to the business of re-creation through the metamorphosis of living always of God's presence (and maybe we will even notice that we can lift off like a beautiful butterfly).

August will be a time of renewal for me as I take some time for vacation, rest, and rejuvenation. Rev. Stephanie Hankey from Westminster Presbyterian will be the contact for pastoral needs while I am away. She can be reached at (360) 708-2104 or pastorstephanie@wpcanacortes.com. One of the adventures we have planned is a trip down the Pacific coast, when we return Sophie to California Lutheran University for her senior year!

Have a blessed August!

Pastor Scott



Anacortes Lutheran Church Council Minutes for June 13, 2024

Attendees: Pastor Scott, Steve Anderson, Anne Barry, Jeaneen Brogan, Don Devine, Julie Jacobson, Lane Phelan, Pat Carrie Smith

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Scott opened with prayer. May minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was handed out and reviewed together. We are meeting our financial obligations in these first 6 months of the year. Our income vs expenses will be published in the Scoop, it could be a weekly account rather than the year-to-date. The Finance committee met and will look into purchasing a copy of Quick Books to better update the account titles and line item numbers and it will also be easier to consolidate the monthly reports. Cost for the program can come from the Computer Upgrade Budget under Stewardship.

Pastor's Report: A written report was submitted. Note Pastor will be on vacation for the month of August. So far two of the four Sundays are filled with pulpit supply, the other two are being worked on.



Stewardship: Bill was absent but sent in a written report.

Worship: A written report was submitted. Laurie may contact someone to lead hand drum circles this summer, with the intent of inviting the community to participate.

Property: A written report was submitted. Rebuild kits have been ordered to replace old parts in the toilets. Security lights need new batteries as some were no longer working. Tomorrow the fire chief is coming to check the backflow preventers. Tomorrow someone else will clean out the grease trap which hasn't been done for 7 years. An idea was given to have a window washing day and invite volunteers to come in and help sometime this summer.

Preschool: A written report was submitted. The preschool graduation was today. Any scholarship monies still owed will be paid through the Anacortes Foundation and our own scholarship fund which the preschool has paid into in the past.

Personnel: The nursery has a full roster of employees again. There is a new person hired who will create the Sunday slides once a month, Becky Eggleston takes care of the other three weeks.

Youth: Michael was absent. It was suggested to create a youth calendar of events and post it around the church as another way of communication.

WELCA: Jeanette was absent so Jeaneen reported that the Strawberry Social is happening on Tuesday June 18 and there will be live music as well as a basket for a free-will offering to offset the rising cost of strawberries. There will be a picnic in the Fellowship Hall in August for all women to attend.

Fellowship: It was noted that the summer Wednesday picnics have been set up by Chuck and Bev Landgraf as reservations need to be made and begin on July 10. The annual corn feed will be on a Thursday due to scheduling conflicts at Washington Park.

Old Business:

- Recruiting continues to fill council positions - please let Don know of any persons you may have in mind. Open positions are Education (Heather has done a lot of work so this person has a head start on the fall education), Fellowship, Outreach and President-Elect. Don will publish some job descriptions to put in the back of the church as well as make an announcement on Sunday..

New Business:

- A constitution working group has been created and includes Pastor, Paul Dusenbury, Rosemary Walter, Anita Holzemer and Dave Bjornson. Lane Phelan will participate when the synod specialist meets with them.

Council Minutes for June 13, 2024 continued...

- Pastor introduced a program called “One Parish, One Prisoner”, the purpose of the program is to connect a church with a soon to be released prisoner to give that person a bigger community to come into when they are out, increasing their success rate of staying out of prison. A couple of other local churches are involved with this. Pastor will meet with someone to get more information on what the commitments look like.
- Steve has a stash of T12 lightbulb tubes that will be excess once all of our lights get changed out by PSE to LEDs. He suggests putting out a can for donations to the parking lot fund when people take the bulbs for personal use. (These are the bulbs that are used in garages etc.) Pastor checks in with PSE monthly as we are still waiting to hear when this changeover will take place.
- Discussion took place about getting back a youth council representative to serve a 2 year term on council, ideally a 10th grader who could do this for two years. The constitution also allows for someone 18-30 to be on council to represent that age group. Michael can give input on this and if there are suggestions of people who may be interested, let Don know.

Anne moved to adjourn the meeting.

Our next regular council meeting will be held August 8 at 6:30 pm. Please have committee reports into Julie no later than midnight on Tuesday, August 6. There will be no July Council meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Jacobson, Council Secretary



BAPTISM

July 27, 2024

Brooklyn Renae Bush

Payton Ann Bush

Parents: Anthony & Amanda Bush

Worship Attendance

Date	Events	In-Person	Nursery	Live-Stream
May 26	Holy Trinity	103	4	51
June 2	Family & Praise Sunday	95	12	34
June 9	Graduate Recognition	114	5	31
June 16	Father’s Day	92	6	37
June 23	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	81	1	56
June 30	Hymn Pick Sunday	93	2	44
July 7	Family & Praise Sunday	98	5	40
July 14	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	103	4	38
July 21	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	112	3	52
July 28	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	81	4	**

** Not available at time of printing

PRAY FOR OUR 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

President: Don Devine
Vice-President:
Secretary: Julie Jacobson
Treasurer: Lane Phelan
Stewardship: Bill LeDuc
Outreach: Dave White
Personnel: Jeaneen Brogan
Josephine Delegates: Pastor Peterson, Linda Millo
Finance: Lane Phelan, Kirk Swanson
 Linda Millo
Finance Secretary: Linda Millo
Camp Lutherwood Rep: Kenny Holzemer

Fellowship :
Education:
Youth: Michael Sullivan
Preschool: Anne Barry
Properties: Steve Anderson
Worship: Pat Carrie Smith
WELCA : Jeanette Christensen
Legacy Endowment: Wayne Olsen, Rod Odergaard
 Julie Jacobson
Synod Assy Delegates: Pastor Peterson, Lois Cassidy
 Linda Millo

ALC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY PRIME TIMERS™

— Retirees gathering together for Fun, Food, and Fellowship.

GET-TOGETHER - SOOTHING SOUP
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Note time change.*
 The theme is: **"Guest Speaker - Elise Cutter and Laura Moroney - Island Health (hospital)"**.

Please sign up at the Opportunity Desk or call, text, or email Julie before Wednesday prior to the event.



Susan McCutcheon is undergoing a bone marrow transplant and will be in Seattle for a few months. If you would like to send her a card her address is:

Susan McCutcheon
525 Minor Ave, North # 214
Seattle, WA 98109

She would love to hear from us!

B I N G O							
4	26	43	59	70			
9	30	41	55	68			
7	23		32 FREE SPACE	50	63		
8	20	31	60	75			
13	18	34	52	69			

BINGO IN THE MORNING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room #2.

No sign-up required - just come and have fun. Snacks are provided. Please bring a drink.

Have a super summer, stay safe, and be happy. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Paul - Julie Dusenbury



Men of Anacortes Lutheran ANNUAL Brat-Fest



DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 AT 2:00 PM
TIME: BOYD VEER'S PLACE (4306 "A" Avenue)
POC: CHUCK LANDGRAF

Save the date, bring a friend and an old car if you have one!
 Of course, GM Models preferred
So join the other men of the congregation for fun and fellowship!

The food will be provided (brats, burgers, chips etc.)
 Just bring your drink of choice and a few dollars to cover the food cost.

Anacortes Lutheran Church Summer POTLUCK PICNICS WEDNESDAYS 6 pm

July 10	• Washington Park
July 17	• Storvik Park
July 24	• Causland Park
July 31	• Storvik Park
Aug 7	• Seafarer's Memorial Park - near statue
Aug 14	• Seafarer's Memorial Park - near statue
THURSDAY, Aug 22	• Washington Park - at Reserved Picnic Shelter Annual Corn feed & Worship Service on the Beach



WHAT TO BRING:
 • A Dish to Share
 • Dinner ware
 • Chair or Blanket to Sit On



WELCA– SEWING NEWS

The WELCA sewing ladies are putting together LWR kits. Our needs are:

School Kits - rulers (w/ inches & centimeters), pencil sharpeners, 70 page notebooks (wide or college ruled), blunt scissors, #2 unsharpened pencils, black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink), crayons (16 or 24 count) & 2 1/2 inch erasers.

Personal Care Kits - bath towels & soap

Baby Care Kits - jackets or sweaters, socks, hand towels, flannel for blankets (1 yard) & soap

A basket will be located in the Narthex for donations. We have a variety of jobs and everyone is invited to come help us on Tuesdays. Thank you for all of your donations of materials and time working on these projects!

August sewing dates: Aug 6, 13 & 27. See you there!



LWR Knitters

Next Meeting:

August 19th 1:00-3:00 pm in conf. rm 1

Beginners are welcome and teaching is available.

Linda Anderson-POC 360-588-1730

WELCA PICNIC LUNCH

All women of ALC are invited to lunch for fun and fellowship on August 20th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We will order sack lunch for \$10.00 each. Please sign up at the opportunity desk.

Men's Ministry

The steering committee for the formation of a Men's Ministry Committee in our church is just wrapping up its planning stage and is beginning to make plans for implementation of our goals, objectives, and Mission. Already completed is a study of two reference books, interviewing men in the congregation, surveying all the men in our congregation, setting goals and objectives, meeting with Anacortes Family Center, and just completed, the creation of a Mission Statement. We are now excited to actually start moving forward toward accomplishing our goals.

Our mission statement is, *"Empowering Men to Love the Lord Your God and Your Neighbor as Yourself and to have a good time in the Process."*

Our three main goals for this first year are to:

1. To offer assistance to members of our congregation, e.g. the elderly and families of deployed military who need help.
2. To offer assistance to people outside of our congregation who need help, e.g. Anacortes Family Center.
3. Formation of more Small Men's Groups where men can make Christian friendships and share their love for the Lord.



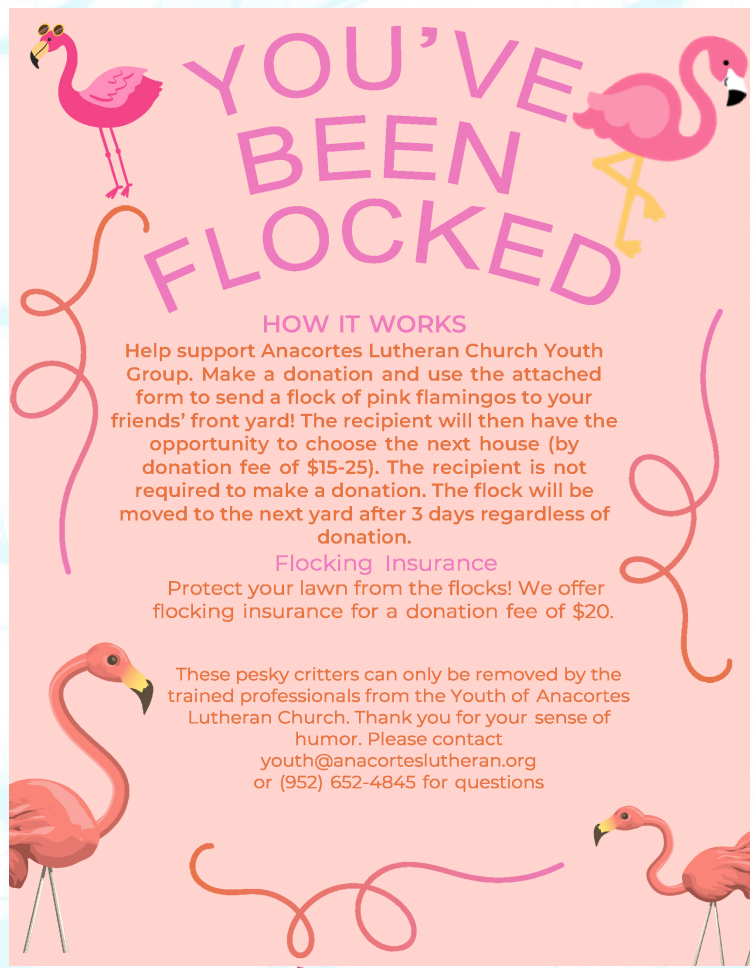
SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Last day to purchase a
"Flamingo Flocking"
Is Aug 10th!

The Youth of Anacortes Lutheran Church are raising funds for our annual summer retreat. This year we are bringing back one of our favorite fundraisers...Flamingo Flocking! Do you have friends or family whose yard needs a splash of color? You can now send a flock of pink flamingos that will inhabit their yard for THREE days. Simply fill out an order form and bring it to the church office. Do you have a pristine yard that you don't want flamingos occupying? We sell flock insurance, this safeguards your lawn from potential infestations. Contact Jobun or youth@anacorteslutheran.org for questions or if you need an order form.



A photo of a yard that got FLOCKED!



YOU'VE BEEN FLOCKED

HOW IT WORKS

Help support Anacortes Lutheran Church Youth Group. Make a donation and use the attached form to send a flock of pink flamingos to your friends' front yard! The recipient will then have the opportunity to choose the next house (by donation fee of \$15-25). The recipient is not required to make a donation. The flock will be moved to the next yard after 3 days regardless of donation.

Flocking Insurance

Protect your lawn from the flocks! We offer flocking insurance for a donation fee of \$20.

These pesky critters can only be removed by the trained professionals from the Youth of Anacortes Lutheran Church. Thank you for your sense of humor. Please contact
youth@anacorteslutheran.org
or (952) 652-4845 for questions



VBS DA CAMPS

ANACORTES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Register for our last Day Camp!

SONGS CRAFTS GAMES
1ST - 5TH GRADE





June 28 July 19 August 16

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←--REGISTER HERE!
OR AT ANACORTESLUTHERAN.ORG

2100 O AVE
ANACORTES, WA 98221
youth@anacorteslutheran.org



PROPERTIES

August Newsletter

7/20/2024

- 6/12** Ordered battery for Sunday preschool room emergency light. Unclogged the drain under outside steel stairs.
- 6/14** Rainbow Septic came to clean grease trap. Fire Chief came for inspections.
- 6/15** Preschool check, 2 lightbulbs out and replaced.
- 6/24** Fire Chief came out to service/check panel for error code alarm. Cleaned out more rain gutters. Seems like a never ending job.
- 6/27** Maintenance and service on our seven furnaces work. Discovered an 8th furnace after all was done. We have attic space with no insulation!
- 7/3** Handy's Heating came out to give us a quote for replacing the 30+ year old furnace in pastor's office. Bid accepted. All emergency exit lights now work. Six batteries were changed out.
- 7/6** Amanda B. office wire coming down off of the wall. Reset with new tape.
- 7/8** Dimax Air Solutions came to service/repair three furnaces. Need to work on replacing all outdoor door sweeps. Roger Peckman replaced 13, T12 florescent tubes on the stained glass windows on the front.
- The wooden fence in back of the preschool needs stain/painting. We should have insulation in the attic to save on energy costs.

Steve Anderson - Properties

Congregational Window Washing Party

August 17th at 9:00 am - Bring the supplies you wish to use to help wash the inside and outside windows of ALC.



WORSHIP

CHOIR PRACTICE – SEPTEMBER 4TH-SAVE THE DATE

Calling all singers! We will start choir practices on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m. If you have ever thought about joining choir, please do so! We are a small but mighty group of people who sing to our Lord and have a lot of fun! Ride shares can be arranged if you don't want to drive. We are usually done by 7:40 p.m., so you will have enough time to go home and watch a show afterwards! We are Blessed at ALC in the fact that we still have a church choir. So many churches no longer have choirs, so please join us to keep this form of praise and prayer going in our church! Call or email Laurie or ask any choir member if you have any questions! You do not have to be at every practice; we work ahead during rehearsals! See you in September!

HYMNAL CART

We are continuing to use our hymnal cart on Sundays when songs are not in the ELW. If you see the cart out near the ushers, take a copy from the top shelf and use it if you want. Please return it when you are done!

PRAISE AND FAMILY SUNDAYS

On Praise Sundays, (1st Sunday of the Month-usually), packets of music are available from the ushers for those who like to see the actual music that we are singing. Please ask an usher for the music if you would like a packet and please return them to the ushers at the end of the service (we recycle the music for use on another Sunday). Thanks so much!

DATES TO CELEBRATE IN AUGUST



Birthday Blessings

01 Fred Wintermantel	14 James Parker	17 Cathy Odegard	30 Sharon Ohm
02 Nathan Thomas	14 Yvonne Paul	19 Jeanne Anderson	30 John Parker
03 Randy Arendse	15 Karen Caracciolo	19 Ray Fowler	30 Paddy Sarvis
03 Karen Peterson	15 Alyssa Costenbader	21 Matt Connelly	31 Jerry Woodall
05 Dylan Thomas	15 Paul Phelan	24 Linda Anderson	
12 Beckett Harrington	15 Bryan Walker	28 Maggie Santos	
12 Ella Harrington	16 Lillian Devine	28 KJ West	
12 Rosemary Walter	16 Jobun Tornga	29 William Gusa	
14 David Bjornson	17 Annie Fisher	29 Tim Hofferth	
14 Paula Fors	17 Reese Morgenthaler	29 Bud Rock	



Wedding Anniversaries

05 Paul & Julie Dusenbury	22 Kirk & Marta Swanson
10 Michael & Wendy Atterberry	24 Robert & Faith Legan
17 Tim & Connie Walters	27 Anthony & Amanda Bush
19 Ray & Nancy Fowler	29 Maurice & Helene Fink
19 Charles & Corine DeWitt	



JULY & AUGUST 2024



From the Bishop:

Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism:

What then does 'daily bread' mean? Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, field, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like. (Small Catechism, Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer)

In May, the six bishops of Region One (this includes the synods of Northwest Washington, Southwestern Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Northwest Intermountain, and Montana) were asked by the Region One hunger teams to write a joint letter requesting Congress to re-authorize the federal Farm Bill and to not cut important funding. The six bishops agreed to write this letter. After it was written and signed, the ELCA Advocacy staff in Washington, DC hand-delivered it to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees' leaderships and to the Representatives in each of the synod's respective states.

In June, there was a zoom event for all the Lutherans in the six synods to learn more about the Farm Bill and advocate for its continuation. This event was sponsored by the Region One hunger ministry teams, ELCA Advocacy, and Faith Action Network (FAN). Different speakers shared information, conversation happened, and the opportunity to write letters to legislators occurred.

As you might know, the six synods have over 560 congregations and tens of thousands of Lutherans from the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. These synods and states are not homogenous. The bishops are not homogenous. The congregations within each synod are not homogenous. The members of these congregations are not homogenous. We have differences of opinion at times, we have different priorities, we vote differently, we even shake our heads at things that don't make sense to us about one another.

And yet, in our diversity, we are also joined in the unity of Christ and the promises we have received. Deep in our bones, we know that we are saved by grace through faith. We hold fast to the truth that God loves us no matter what. We know this and trust this and hold this. And, because of this, together we are called out into the world – as followers of Jesus and as civic members of society.

We join together – over and over – to bring about change and protect the vulnerable. We come together beyond political difference because of what we have been promised and what we are called to do and to be. The example I've been using in this article is the Farm Bill. When we advocate for this bi-partisan Farm Bill, we are advocating for farmers, migrants, agricultural workers, Indigenous peoples, hungry children, the inclusion of those who have been historically excluded, and more.

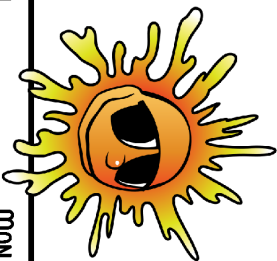
But, of course, we come together far beyond this Farm Bill. We come together because God calls us to love others as God loves us. We work together for a just society. As German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Mere waiting and looking on is not Christian behavior. Christians are called to compassion and action, not in the first place by their own sufferings, but by the sufferings of their brothers and sisters, for whose sake Christ suffered." (*A Testament to Freedom*)

I am thankful and proud to be Lutheran because of all of you who feed and clothe, nourish and shelter, love and protect those who are the most vulnerable in this country and this world. It would take pages to list all the ways that you do this individually, in your congregations, in the synod, and in the wider church. Thank you for your advocacy and your care. There is, of course, more work to be done. And so let us together work towards the day when all may receive "daily bread."

If you would like to read the Bishops' letter you may click this link: <https://fanwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Region-1-Bishops-Joint-Letter-Agriculture-Committee-Leaderships.pdf>

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee / bishop@lutheransnw.org





August

2024



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WED

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SAT

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4 HYMN PICK SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30a Fellowship Hour 10:30a MS & HS Youth Night 6:30p	5 O A Girl SCOUTS SCOUT B 7:00p	6 Sewing 9:00a	7 ALC Picnic 6:00p	8 Men's Bible Study 7:00a CHURCH COUNCIL 6:30p SCOUT B Leader 7:00p	9 PRIME TIMERS 11:00a GET-TOGETHER-F.H. Elem Playgroup 5:30-7:30	10	
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