



GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH
REACHING WIDER IN LOVE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SNOHOMISH

The Light | July | 2025

Pastor's Corner

Life-Giving Interactions

"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."

Jesus words in John 10:10b, The Message

The Sermon Series this summer is, **Life-Giving Prayer**.

God desires that our interactions with Him and one another would be life-giving. Jesus came full of grace and truth (John 1:14) so that we could discover life to the fullest. This summer we will be looking at various scriptures and ways of praying that can strengthen our communication with God. Ways that help us both receive and share God's grace and truth in life-giving ways.



We receive grace and truth best when there are relationships where we feel:

Seen – They know us. They have taken time to learn about our history, hopes, and fears (Psalm 139:1-4).

Soothed – They express empathy. They understand and connect with us around what we are feeling and thinking (Hebrews 4:15-16).

Secure – They unconditionally love us. Their commitment to us does not change based on circumstances or our behavior (Joshua 1:5 and Romans 5:8).

Safe – They support us. We can be open, honest, and vulnerable and not be judged but helped (John 3:17).

When these characteristics are present in a relationship, it creates a space in which grace and truth can be received and people thrive. If these don't exist in a relationship, people will be guarded or distant and there is a lesser degree to which they will receive grace and truth.

My prayer is that this would be a life-giving summer for you and the people around you! That we all would feel increasingly seen, soothed, secure, and safe in our relationship with God. And because of this we would increasingly be receiving and sharing God's grace and truth in life-giving ways.

May we know more of the good life with our good God,

Tom Dabasinskas

Interim Pastor

tom@snopres.org

P.S. Be sure to sign up and join us for one of the History and Hopes Gatherings. The people who have attended these describe it as a life-giving, encouraging, and insightful time. **See Page 2.**

History & Hopes Gatherings

Join us for one of the History and Hopes Gatherings this summer.

Join us on either **WEDNESDAY, July 16** from **5-7pm** and **SUNDAY, August 10** from **12-2pm** (OR BOTH)! FPCS leadership is hosting times for us to gather together to look back on what we have learned about God, and to look forward in faith as to how we might encourage the next generation of believers. These are important times in the transition process for us to consider what God has done, and how we will respond to the opportunities that God has placed before us. Please mark your calendars and join us for one of these gatherings.

Register Here!

For an explanation of the Transition Process and to see a timeline of all of the activities, please visit the page on our website about this: **Transition Process**.

FIRST PRES SNOHOMISH FALL RETREAT



"Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness because they will be fed until they are full."

Jesus

The Spiritual Formation Ministry Team invites you to join the SnoPres Fall Retreat October 10-12 at the Dumas Bay Centre on the Puget Sound in Federal Way. Gather with others for a refreshing weekend of rest, reflection, and feeding from God's word.

Elizabeth Klein will be our guide. We desire to take Jesus' invitation to curious followers of John, "Come and See." This will be more than just visiting a place, but discovering a new sense of being home...home with Jesus, welcomed into a place of acceptance, belonging, joy, and love. A place where you can put your feet up to know new delight and strength to walk the journey.

Price includes Lodging and Meals - Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast. The cost is \$330 per person for the two nights and 4 meals. If you need a lower cost, you have that option upon registering.

You can register now on CCB: [Click to Register](#)

If you have questions, contact Jon Bishop, Paula Erickson, or a member of the Spiritual Formation Team.



FPCS Community Garden

- Have a green thumb?
- Want a green thumb?
- Interested in seeing more ways to use our facility in the community?

Join Paula Erickson and others following the service on Sunday, July 6th for a discussion of what a **Community Garden** might look like at FPCS.

If you can't make it, contact Paula for more information.



We are grateful for the return of **Rev. Elizabeth Klein** to her role as Pastoral Associate at FPCS!! Elizabeth will be working approximately 8 hours per week and helping with Leadership and Volunteer Development, preaching, helping with staff transitions, and helping to fulfill the mission and vision of the church!

Welcome Back Elizabeth!



Welcome BABY BOY

James Richard Adam Locknane-Jarosik
Born June 8th - 7lb 11 oz
Grandparents –
James and Bevin-Anne Locknane
Great Grandma –
Mary Lee Locknane



Farmer's Markets

Dates

- July 13th
- July 27th
- August 10th
- August 24th
- September 7th
- September 21st



Women's Ministry Book Club: The book club will meet at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at the home of Anne Sterley, and share a potluck salad. Connie Ford will be leading us in our discussion of "Love and Saffron: A Novel of Friendship, Food, and Love" by Kim Fay. Questions? Call Carol Johnson at 205-595-9462 or email her at cjohnson98290@gmail.com

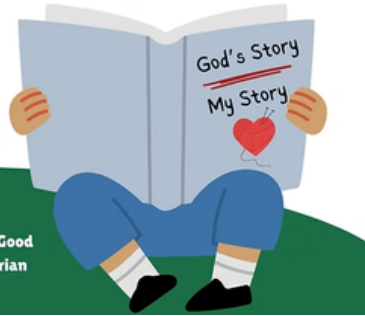
Jump! INTO THE STORY

July 21-25 | 9:00 - 12:00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church

YES! A collaborative program between St. John's Episcopal, Good Shepherd, Snohomish United Methodist, First Presbyterian and Christ the King Lutheran Churches.



Children from FPCS, Snohomish United Methodist, Christ the King Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran, and St. John's Episcopal will gather at Christ the King Lutheran Church to explore some of the most meaningful stories of our faith—stories of new beginnings, courage, friendship, and God's transformative, never-ending love.

Our Involvement:

- We do have several SnoPres volunteers who will be helping in-person that week, but our main need/involvement will be providing and preparing the sack lunches for each child.
- We will have 2 lunch prep sessions, one on Friday, July 18th in the afternoon (exact time TBD), and another on Saturday, July 19th in the late morning, both at SnoPres.
- Paper bags have already been donated, but you can find other donation requests in the [Needs Request here](#).

Why Are We Involved in 2 VBS Events This Summer?

1. Affordable summer childcare is difficult to find for many families in our community. Vacation Bible Schools help ease the financial and mental loads for families, and allow us to build better relationships with our community. There are fewer churches offering VBS programs this year, leaving gaps in the summer calendar that we are helping to fill.
2. As Presbyterians, ecumenical (interdenominational) relationships are fundamental to our understanding of Christian faith and mission. The body of Christ needs all its parts to function, and by partnering with churches from other denominations, we are uniting the body of Christ toward love and service to our community.

How Can I Be Involved?

- We are still looking for Elementary Crew Leaders and Assistant Crew Leaders.
- Fulfill a needs request in the online portal (items can be put in the treasure chest in the lobby).
- Adopt-a-Prop: If you love arts and crafts, take one of the Adopt-a-Prop project instructions from the VBS table and let Tia know which project you've selected. These props help VBS bring the Word to life for our kids and get them excited about Bible learning!
- PRAY for our VBS! If you'd like some prompts to help you pray, check out the prayer cards on the VBS table in the entry area.

Vacation Bible School
August 18-22
9am-12pm
First Presbyterian
Snohomish
(360) 568-6498

SCUBA
diving into friendship with God

Register Now!
<https://snopres.org>

What's SCUBA About?

SCUBA is all about diving into friendship with God! SCUBA is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life, and how to put our faith into action.

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As I reflect on my final worship service as your music director, my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude and love. Serving this congregation for nearly ten years has been one of the greatest joys of my life. The journey we've shared in worship, music, and faith has shaped me in ways I will always treasure.

The presentation during my family's last service was more than we could have ever imagined. The Texas cowboy hats for my family, the necklace for my daughter Eliana, the quilt beautifully stitched with the church logo and music clef, the personalized conductor's baton engraved with my name, the journal filled with your heartfelt letters, and your generous contribution—all of these gifts were incredibly thoughtful and deeply meaningful. Each one reflects the care, love, and generosity that make this church so special.



Among these treasures, the journal and the cards especially touched our heart. Your words brought tears to our eyes and filled us with a sense of peace and joy that we will carry forever. They are truly the greatest gift, and we will return to them again and again in the years to come.

Thank you for allowing me to walk this path with you, for lifting your voices in praise, and for trusting me to guide our worship through music. Thank you for your encouragement, your prayers, and the way you have embraced me and my family with such love.

I leave this role feeling deeply blessed, knowing I've been surrounded by the most wonderful and amazing people. My family will never forget your kindness, and we will carry your love in our hearts always.

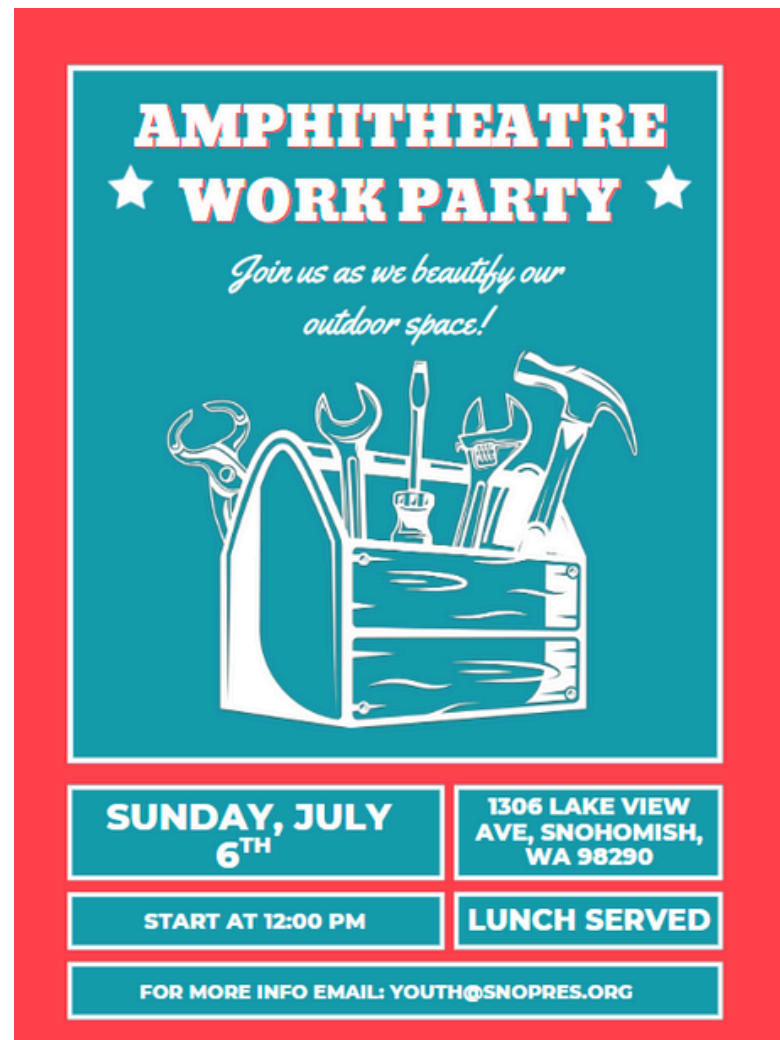
"I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy..."
Philippians 1:3–4

With all my love and deepest gratitude,
Hanna, Michael, and Eliana Cho





Youth Group Happenings



Pledge and Giving Statements

Can you believe we are halfway through 2025 already!

This would be a great time to run a Pledge and Giving Statement for 2025. There are a few reasons we suggest this.

1. We want to make sure it looks correct to you.
2. If your situation has changed during the year, and you need to make a change to your pledge, this is a good time to get that taken care of as well.
3. We have transitioned to a different payment processing system, and we want to make sure that you aren't having any difficulties with your giving.

Please send an email to both: Treasurer@snopres.org and Office@snopres.org with any concerns or updates.

Thank you!

During May, the Church received \$35,157 in total operating income and had expenses totaling \$47,213 resulting in a net loss of \$12,056 from operations, compared to an expected net loss of \$7,639.

Offerings in May were below budget by \$3,190 and the year-to-date offerings are now under budget by \$4,845. Most Expenses were close to target again in May.

We continue to celebrate that the church is debt free.



Statement of Activities

Year to Date Through May 2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Offerings	\$ 198,609	203,453	\$ 492,645
PerCapita Collections Inc	6,877	4,800	4,800
Other Income & Gifts	12,369	10,846	23,650
Total Income	217,855	219,099	521,095
Total Expense	230,715	231,397	557,611
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (12,860)	\$ (12,298)	\$ (36,516)
Capital Project Expense			
YTD			
Electrical Panel Project	\$ 96,522		

Assets as of May 31, 2025

Assets	As of May 31, 2025	As of May 31, 2024 (PY)
General Operating Account	\$ 112,591	\$ 113,465
Other Assets	33,688	105,952
Total current assets	146,279	219,417
Investments		
General Fund - Unrestricted	411,358	470,460
General Fund - Restricted	380,660	361,039
Scholarship Endowment Funds	368,303	371,110
Total Investments	1,160,321	1,202,609
Total Assets	\$ 1,306,600	\$ 1,422,026

STREAMING UPDATE

Your AV team is starting the process of changing our Sunday Morning Worship streaming platforms. We are aware that there have been frequent issues with the audio quality on Zoom. So, by the end of July, we will no longer be streaming to Zoom. Instead, we will transition to streaming to YouTube. YouTube gives us a more stable platform and holds the videos for an indefinite period of time. Those who prefer Facebook, that will continue as it has been. The AV team is still in the testing phase for this change. Watch the weekly What's Happening for more information as the official transition date gets closer.



Thank you to all who joined us to walk or otherwise participate in the 2025 Pride Events. Both the Parade and the Sunday Service were successful events that had many from FPCS participate! Thank you for joining us and we look forward to Pride 2026!



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2025 Snohomish CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

The **2025 Snohomish CROP Walk** will be held on **Sunday, September 28th**. We are looking for a coordinator for this event. The main responsibility is to coordinate those who are walking in the event and coordinating. There are resources that will be provided to you in the time leading up to the actual walk. The office will provide support in any way possible. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Vicki Hesseltnie or the church office. Thank you!

Session Corner:

June, 2025

Strategic Planning Updates:

- Facilities (Curt): Session approved a motion to accept the quote from MacDonald Miller spending up to \$175,000 on HVAC repair/replacement and authorizing Buildings and Grounds to get bids on plumbing replacement/repair in the Ed Wing.
- Youth and Family (Dede and Marlie): Session approved proposed program changes to Sunday Morning Children's worship, which adapts Godly Play to an updated K-5 program to be called **Wonder-Full Worship** that will start in August.

Pastor's Report:

- History and Hope Gatherings will be held July 17 from 5-7 pm and August 10 from 12-2. The congregation is invited to participate.
- New Members classes are scheduled for June 22 and 29 following the church service.
- Session approved a motion by Pastor Tom to do the demographic study up to a 20-mile radius of the church and spend up to \$500.

Staff Updates:

- Session approved the updated Music Ministry Job Description with a motion by Marlie. A search team is being formed that will begin looking in July for our next Director of Music Ministry.
- Session approved the Pastoral Associate Job Description and Terms of Employment beginning June 1, 2025 for Dr. Elizabeth Klein with a motion by Pastor Tom.
- Pastor Tom will be working with the Youth and Family MT in the Fall to begin a search for the next Youth Pastor who would start next summer (2026).

NW Coast Presbytery - delegates report

Carlene participated in the clerk training offered.

Marlie shared about the two Book of Order amendments that were voted on by the Presbytery:

- The first amendment that was voted on passed.
Specific Language: In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, geography, or theological conviction. There is therefore no place in the life of the Church for discrimination against any person. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall guarantee full participation and representation in its worship, governance, and emerging life to all persons or groups within its membership
- The second amendment failed to pass at our Presbytery but passed nationally.
Specific Language: The council responsible for ordination and/or installation (G-2.0402; G-2.0607; G-3.0306) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of ordered ministry. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.0404), the Historic Principles of Church Order (F-3.01), and in the principles of participation and representation found in F-1.0403. Councils shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates

Next Session Meeting: Monday, July 7th, 5-7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marita Bishop

Remember in your prayers...

(bold text indicates new prayer request)

Church Family Members

- Heather and Brian Shropshire as Brian recovers from open heart surgery
- **Bob and Anne Sterley as Bob recovers from heart surgery**
- **Dick and Meridee Vuori - she is recovering from a fall**
- **Dick and Elaine Sundman - Elaine in hospital**
- **Ethan, and mom Rachel Greenberg - Ethan has melanoma**
- **For the FPCS Nominating Team as they search for members to fill roles of Pastor Nominating Team Member, Elder, and Deacon**
- Rich Guthrie - heart issues
- Debby Ingram - health Issues
- Patrick Ingram - health Issues
- Sara Seiber - treatment for cancer
- Shelagh Hizey - cancer treatment
- Ray and Lise Pettigrew in the loss of their son

PRAISES!

- **Praise that Baby James Locknane-Jarosik has arrived safely - prayers for Jaxon and Josh as they settle into their new family**
- **Praise for Baby Lucas - new grandson for Paula Erickson - born Thursday, June 12th**
- **Praise that Dick & Elaine Sundman have moved and are getting settled into their new location- Updated address:**

11333 3rd PI W #108

Everett, WA 98204

**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.**

Ephesians 6:18

Friends of FPCS

- **For those who are adversely impacted by the reduction or termination of government programs**
- Tony Velasco, father of Tia Nieuwsma, as he recovers from back surgery
- DeWayne Kurtenbach - Jeff Kurtenbach's father as he recovers from a stroke
- Pastor Moses & Margaret Tanni in Cameroon - Pastor Moses and Margaret have been struggling with a number of health issues
- Cynthia Sundman, missionary in Peru
- Cindy Duncan - Jan Gavin's niece - stage 4 renal cell carcinoma

Ongoing Prayer Support

- Prayers for peace where there is war and turmoil: Israel, Palestine/Gaza, Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, Haiti, and many other places
- All refugees forced to leave their homes due to violence or natural disasters; all those left homeless, and those experiencing hunger such as in Tigray region of Ethiopia, and Sudan
- Global leaders--for wisdom, and the will and courage to act justly, and to uphold human rights

Homebound

Gary Gloe, Josh Hesseltine, Rosemary Bailey, Elaine and Dick Sundman, Marilyn de Soto, Barb Holmes, Carolyn Moss, Jerry Williamson (hospice) and Bill Barker

Prayer Requests

There are a number of ways that we can share our prayer requests.

- A) Your prayer request may remain confidential (being prayed for by the Tuesday Prayer Team).
 - B) Your prayer request can be sent out to a larger team of dedicated 'pray-ers' in addition to our Tuesday team.
 - C) We can add your request to the list in **The Light** and in **What's Happening**. The Prayer Request list in **What's Happening** and **The Light** are reviewed regularly, and names appear on the list for a shorter or longer time depending upon the need.
- Another way to submit a prayer request is to write a sticky note and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. It will be sent to the Tuesday Prayer Team.

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to contact Kate West in the office (office@snopres.org or 360-568-6498), Myrna Lucas (425-422-2489), Paula Erickson (425-220-2720), or Carolyn Mather-Greenberg (360-568-7128).



Deacon's Offering: **First Sunday of Every Month**

The first Sunday of each month is Deacon's Offering Sunday, and you can put a donation marked "Deacons" in the offering plate, or go to SnoPres Online and designate a donation to the Deacon's Fund. The Deacons thank YOU and those we help also thank you!

Need a Hand, Lend a Hand

What is it? This program is an outreach of the Deacons. It provides a means for members to make requests for assistance, or offer assistance in a variety of ways. This could include things such as changing a light bulb in a hard-to-reach area, helping to move a microwave, or maybe helping with a tree that has fallen during a storm. We are in the process of moving the request online, so if you have a need we may be able to assist with, just call the office and we will see what we can do! The office number is 360-568-6498.

In the meantime, if you would like to be placed on the list of potential hand-lenders, please let the office know as well.



Deacon's Transportation Ministry: **Do You Need a Ride?**

If you can't drive yourself, we can give you a lift. We can take you to a doctor or dentist appointment, to our church on Sunday, or for a church event. When you need a ride and you have run out of options, just call the office and we will see what we can do! 360-568-6498

Church Library

To see a listing of all the books in the library, go to our online catalog:

<https://www.librarything.com/profile/FPCS>
or follow the QR code to our links library.



Click or Scan



One QR Code to Save Them ALL!

If you're looking for it, you'll probably find a link to it [HERE](#) or scan the QR code. Not finding what you want? Please let the office know:

office@snores.org



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation, providing care-givers to those who request them.

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Notable July Dates:
4th - Independence Day - Office Closed
12th - B&G Work Day
13th - Farmer's Market
27th - Farmer's Market



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