



Salem Lutheran Weekly eNews 7/15/26—7/22/26

"To share the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ with all people, and to serve God by serving others"

From Pastor Deanna

I am looking out at sunshine and blue sky and the sound of a lawnmower is a delight. The sound of the lawn mower means the grass is growing. The sound of the lawn mower means sunshine. The sound of the lawn mower means summer. I give thanks to God for the blessings and sounds of this time.

Salem Lutheran is filled with sounds, too. There are voices in the hall talking about schedules and set-up for events. The sound of the telephone ringing is answered by a welcome voice. Doors open and close as people arrive for Chair Yoga. Others prepare for Friendship Circle. Footsteps hurried and deliberate travel the halls. Strangers come in seeking directions to Welcome Home Skagit. Music is hummed as worship is planned. Fingers on keyboards and paper in the copier are rhythms of work well done. Every day the sound of ministry is a delight. The sound means God's mission is present and growing. The sound of ministry is varied. I give thanks to God for the blessings and the sounds of this congregation.

The sounds of ministry are present and abundant at Salem Lutheran. Ministry may sound a bit different in the summer, but it is never silent. Ministry may sound a bit different from what you remember in the past, and still it is not silent. As you enjoy the sounds of summer, whether at home or away, remember the sounds of Salem Lutheran.

The sounds of summer are a joy and delight. However, in the church, the sounds of summer can bring a challenge as our financial offerings become silent. As you take time to re-create and re-fresh in this season of sunshine and warmth, please remember the sounds of ministry continue and Salem Lutheran needs your regular financial support. The sound of ministry means life. I give thanks for the blessings you will share.

The mower has stopped. The sound of God's work goes on. Listen.

Shalom, Pastor Deanna



Bloodworks will be here Tues July 21 through Friday July 24. Call for an appointment at: 800-398-7888 or go online at: schedule@bloodworksnw.org



Are you losing sleep worrying about where local families rest their heads? "Sleepless in Skagit" is an annual, family-friendly community event and awareness campaign hosted by Family Promise of Skagit Valley.

The Sleepless in Skagit event features:

- **When:** Friday, July 24, 2026, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.
- **Where:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1006 Wicker Rd, Sedro-Woolley, WA).
- **What to expect:** Tours of the new transitional Cottage Village, family-friendly activities, a community BBQ, and a multi-chamber ribbon-cutting.

The goal of the evening is to raise funds and awareness to help local families who are experiencing housing instability. You can find out more or get involved by visiting the [Family Promise of Skagit Valley Facebook](#) page.



Come join Bonnie as she leads a study on Psalms. She will meet in the library Tuesdays at 11:00 am.

Below is the Zoom link for Tuesday's meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8470166768?pwd=NGRhU5GN09sdWZWb0UvcHQ1NEExdz09&omn=88349846475>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/88349846475>

Meeting ID: 847 016 6768

Passcode: 237318



Fundraising For National MS Society

If you're interested in supporting this great cause just go to the website below. Greg Faubion will be riding again.

<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/participants/803680?language=en&referrer=mf%3A803680%3Ayou-copy>

Interested in becoming involved at church but not sure what to do?



Consider helping with the Altar

Guild. If you have any questions contact Laurie in the office (360)336-3600.

Linda presenting Jason with a quilt for graduating from Skagit Community College. Congratulations Jason!



NW Synod Website

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