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

from Pastor Deanna

Stella (our lovely black Cavapoo) and I try to walk at least a half hour every morning. Plus, she is walked by Keith or I at least 3 other times during the day and again right before bedtime. It is good, especially when it is not raining. It is a bit of exercise for body and soul.

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Psalm 118:24

I have become more mindful of days. Perhaps it is in anticipation of a big trip to Germany this September. Maybe it is in attention to aging family members and increased medical concerns. Could it be a nudge from the Holy Spirit?

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Recently, I re-committed to be more thankful and appreciative. In some ways, I was doing pretty well, other times...not so much. All my day-thinking crept into my thankfulness commitment, and I realized many days would pass without me offering thanks or appreciation for that very day.

On this day, the sky was a soft gray and the sky dripped just a bit. It was beautiful. And I gave thanks.

The focus on thanks-giving for every day has made me poignantly aware that each day is a once in a lifetime experience. Every day is a new act of God's creation. There will never be another day, like today.

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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



The poster for the "Sleepless in Skagit" event is divided into two main sections. The left section features a background image of a child sitting on a bed looking out a window at a sunset. Text in this section includes "Family Promise of Skagit Valley", "Sleepless in Skagit", "EVENT FRIDAY", "WHERE WILL YOU sleep ON JULY 24TH?", and a quote: "Because every child deserves a place to call home." The right section has a white background with blue and purple accents. It contains the text: "For hundreds of children in Skagit County, uncertainty about where they'll sleep isn't a one-night event. It's everyday life." followed by "JOIN US for a reimagined community celebration featuring:". Below this is a list of activities with icons: "Tours of our new Cottage Village homes", "A Multi-Chamber Ribbon Cutting", "Family activities and dinner", and "Community connection". At the bottom, it specifies the date and time: "FRIDAY, JULY 24TH 5:30-8:00 PM" and the location: "BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH in Sedro-Woolley".

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

Total Income YTD \$195,492
Total Expenses YTD \$183,208



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

Remember Chair Yoga here in classroom 3/4 Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Everyone is enjoying it!! Come check it out!



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