

ACC Connections



Anacortes
Christian
Church

Summer Issue (July & Aug)

Small Groups

Though few, we still have some small groups meeting this Summer. See the brochures at the office window shelf if you're interested in joining one. Open to ALL.

Fix It Team is at Your Service!

Remember, if you need help around your home with small projects you just can't do, give the Fix It Team a call! We may be able to help you. We are a group of volunteers ready and wanting to help. Call the church office and we'll get connected with you and your need from there!

Library Corner

Please take **some** time to look over the amazing collection of books and DVDs the library offers. We are always adding to our inventory and it's great to have a good book or good DVDs to enjoy during the summer months.

Check out our wonderful library room downstairs off the Light House area.

- Sue Moen

Facilities - New Roof

This needed repair job begins the week of July 16!

Campfire Prayer for Camp Amplify

We invite ALL to join us in praying for Amplify Camp. This year it will be on Sunday, July 8 at 3:00PM around the campfire on the beach at Quaker Cove.

prayer for the middle-school camp that will take place July 10-13. We appreciate your commitment and participation in making this event a success and in creating unity of the faith in Anacortes.



This is a community (multi-church) time of preparation in

- Your Amplify Team!

24 Hour Prayer Cover for Camp

We also have a 24 hour prayer sign-up for each day of camp attendance (July 10-13). The 24-hour prayer sign up is available on our ACC website under "Sign up: Amplify 2018. We are encouraging the whole ACC body and also other church members, parents or family members of campers to sign up too. If you are not 'tech savvy', I'm happy to personally sign people up for a prayer time slot. Just seek me out.

- Thanks, Linda Madden

Extending the Table - Home Communion



Need in the Body...Our list of members who are not

able to attend services here is growing. We currently have 12 sweet souls who desire and need communion brought to them. We could use more

people to serve home communion...joining the rotation schedule.

This is a special ministry that blesses both the giver and the recipient.

This task rotates you in approximately 3-4 times a year.

Not a burdensome commitment.

Please contact Dennis Asseln (360-333-9755) if you would like to know more of how this vital ministry is done, or for any other questions. This makes for a great husband and wife, or older child serv-

Ready to Learn Fair - Aug. 11

Remember the first day of school? Every year, you had new clothes, fresh supplies and a great attitude for the new year. Now imagine that your family doesn't have the money for those things. You're dreading the first day in your old, scuffed shoes, old clothes and carrying last year's broken crayons in a worn out backpack. This is why I (Cathy Pitts) started the Ready To Learn Fair!

For 18 years, you (Anacortes) have donated new school supplies (K-12), backpacks,

gently used clothes and money to buy these needed items for hundreds of children every year.

How can you help?

Glad you asked!

As you clean out your child's closet, donate those outgrown, gently used clothes. Volunteers are needed: -to help with set up -to help the day of the fair -to join the team that plans and executes all this happiness. Cash donations are always welcome. Share the love!

If you or someone you know needs help with back-to-school, keep the date and spread the word. Parents or guardians should accompany students. We don't want anyone left out.

If you're not able to attend, contact Keiko for more information. This year's Ready to Learn Fair is August 11, 9:00a-Noon, at the AMS Cafeteria. Contact: Keiko McCracken, 360-293-1234, kmccracken@asd103.org

~ Cathy Pitts

JULY & AUG ACTIVITES

- 7/4 Happy Independence Day America!!
(church office closed)
- 7/8 Amplify Prayer time @ Quaker Cove
beach - 3pm.
- 7/10-13 Amplify Camp (@ Quaker Cove)
- 7/30 - 8/3 Week 1, Day Camp @ Quaker Cove (9a-4p)
- 8/6 - 10 Week 2, Day Camp @ Quaker Cove (9a-4p)
- 8/11 Ready to Learn Fair (@ AMS) - 9-noon
- 8/16 Blood Works blood drive (ACC fireside) - noon-6p



New Member, New in Christ:
Ashley Rice ☺

Lydia Ministries Retreat

Ladies, here's another chance to experience Lydia Ministries 'Seaside Escape' retreat, right here at home! We will be presenting this retreat at ACC on October 5-6, as a two-day format with no sleepover. This event is for all Skagit ladies, regardless of denomination or beliefs. All ladies are welcome! Mark your calendar!

First, we have a **FREE LUNCH!** We are inviting two ladies from each church in the Skagit Valley to a luncheon at ACC on July 28, 11am-1:30pm, to learn more about Lydia Ministries retreats. If you are interested in representing ACC, or know someone from another local church who might like to represent their church at this FREE luncheon, please contact me! Cathy Pitts, Lydia Ministries, 360-420-1987,

Java Service



Keep the Coffee Flowing – We are still in need of August coffee makers for our Sunday morning foyer java. This is a very much appreciated act of service for the Body.

Sign-up sheet is at the coffee cart in the foyer. Easy, non-time consuming training will accompany your signature! Think about it, please!

YD Golf Marathon

Our own Jacob Williams will be participating in YD's annual upcoming 100-hole golf marathon which happens on Aug. 27 at Avalon Golf links in Burlington.



Jacob hopes to raise \$2500!

Youth Dynamics is a Northwest ministry whose mission is to invite and challenge youth into a lifelong journey in relationship with Christ and His church. They do this by building relationships with teens and through outdoor adventure experiences they facilitate.

If you'd like to sponsor and pledge support for Jacob in this effort, contact him for more information. Good luck Jacob!



Blood Drive - July 16

Recently, two new mothers received major transfusions totaling 55 units. They didn't know they'd need it. They didn't plan for it to happen. But thanks to donors like you, the blood was available for them when they needed it!

Life-saving work like this would not be possible without the support of our BloodworkSNW donors in the days and weeks beforehand. Please consider joining us for the upcoming ACC Blood Drive in an effort to help those in our community! Schedule your appointment today! Contact Ron Pinson for your donation

time slot. Call him @ 360.424.2383 or by email at rpinsonoms@comcast.net. Date is: **Monday, July 16th** from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Location: Fireside room.

Specifics: Please bring Photo ID with first and last name or your BWNW Wallet Card/ barcode sticker when registering at the blood drive. Also, please be sure to be well hydrated and eat a hearty meal prior to donation.

FAQ's: · Yes, you CAN donate if you've had a flu shot.

· Yes, you CAN donate if you've had a tattoo in the past

12 months – as long as it was performed in a licensed facility in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, or California

· Yes, you CAN donate if you are a diabetic – as long as you are healthy you are able to give

· Yes, you CAN donate if you are taking blood pressure medicine, as long as your blood pressure is within range

· Yes, you CAN donate 6 weeks after pregnancy.

· And there is NO upper age limit – as long as you are healthy, you're eligible!

From John's Desk

A friend sent me an email asking if I would go visit a friend in the hospital. I said, "Certainly!" They gave me the name and room number of the person. I went to the hospital, found the room, knocked, and stepped in at the invitation of the patient. I introduced myself and mentioned the name of the friend who asked me to come. The patient was in pain, but grateful for a short visit. I prayed a medium-sized prayer and said I'd return the next day, which I did.

Before leaving the room, I reached into my pocket and searched for my business card. There was none! I apologized, then noticed that I did

have a blank 3x5 card. I wrote my name and phone number on it and gave it to the patient with the promise that I'd bring a proper business card the next day. They put the 3x5 by their bed and I left.

The next day, I went to the patient's room with the news that I had brought a real business card and would exchange it for the card I gave the day before. The patient said, "No! I want to keep the "3x5." As always, I asked myself, is there a message here?

Is it possible that our best efforts are best when they are delivered personally? Is it possible that a "3x5" with a

hand-written note can be more treasured than a Hall-mark Special? Who cannot afford a 3x5 and a pencil and a dynamite, ten word written prayer for a friend or foe!

Yes, Heaven is a wonderful place. It touches our lives on planet earth and arranges the reality of eternity without pain throughout our future.

Back to my new friend who woke me up to the power of a simple 3X5. THANK YOU!! I want to be a "Pastor of 3x5 little things."

~ John Douglas