



SILVERDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 2019 Quarterly Newsletter

***Welcome to the first issue of yoUR Silverdale
Lutheran Church Quarterly Newsletter!***



Left to right: David Soine, Dennis Enebo, Rick Cotter, Randy Randolph, Barbara Smithson, Denyse Hemmersbach, Marietta Nelson-Bittle, and David Gitch. Not pictured but in attendance: Pastor Bill Crabtree, Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard, and Chris Love.

Thank you to all the recent past congregation Presidents for a great get together March 7th. Discussion items included a review of the Wimberly Report from 2016, Break the Barrier, and church security.

Read on.....



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“So many awesome things happening – it’s hard to keep track of them all!” That was the first sentence of an email I recently received from Pastor Bill. In retrospect, that sentence really captures all that is happening! What a blessing to have the quality of ministry staff and lay personnel at yo**UR** Silverdale Lutheran Church. The “**UR**” is intentional.

These past few months have flown by as I landed softly into this position at Silverdale Lutheran Church (SLC). Attending staff meetings, council meetings, learning about the maintenance and care of the building, watching and participating in the small groups, and sometimes taking on more difficult issues of vision, mission and security have made me aware that indeed, it takes a lot of work to ***“keep track of them all!”***

My emphasis for this year include the following:

- **Support the music position**
- **Support the small groups position**
- **Church security**
- **Quarterly reports (communication) to the congregation**

This **Quarterly Newsletter** is designed to connect you to the staff, leadership and daily life at SLC. Keeping with my plan, the focus of this issue is on our Music Ministry and Justin Cormier. Justin is the sole reason I wish I had taken those piano lessons a little more seriously as a youth, and inspires me now to be a better musician. Admit it, you wish that you could play piano as well as he does! Just one of those keyboard flourishes would have been a career for me.

David C. Soine,

SLC Council President



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Silverdale Lutheran Music Ministry Justin Cormier

Justin Cormier is a versatile musician and educator, achieving a Bachelor's degree in music from Seattle Pacific University, and a

Master's degree in Music Education from Boston University.

Justin's performance history is as vast as his musical interests. Justin has shared stages, including the scenic Gorge Amphitheater, with prominent popular music performers such as Brandi Carlile. Justin performed and studied alongside Gospel legends like Dr. Ysaye Barnwell and Dr. Stephen Newby at the Paramount Theatre, and performed with local jazz greats, Thomas Marriott and Jay Thomas. He served as harpsichord soloist for a Brandenburg Concerto with the SPU symphony. All glories aside, you can find Justin busking the streets at Christmas time with his accordion.

Justin started playing the piano at the age of 8 after his parents noticed his natural instincts on a keyboard he received for Christmas. Young Justin practiced tirelessly and it was apparent from that early age that he had a gift for music. After taking years of piano lessons as a child with Judy Johansson, he headed to the university to study organ with Dr. Tamara Still and Leslie Martin, and later studied Organ, Harpsichord, and Accordion with David Locke. Justin studied gospel music and worship planning with Dr. Stephen Newby, and Jazz piano with a man named Fred.



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Justin has faithfully served the church in various denominations as music director and organist since his early youth. Justin is member emeritus in the Compline Choir at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, which airs every Sunday night on 98.1 Classic King FM.

Justin is an avid composer and sound engineer in his free time. His original works serve as a vessel to wrestle with social justice ideals and to raise questions about the ever changing yet constant society, and can be found streaming free on Soundcloud.com under the name "Justin Cormier 6."





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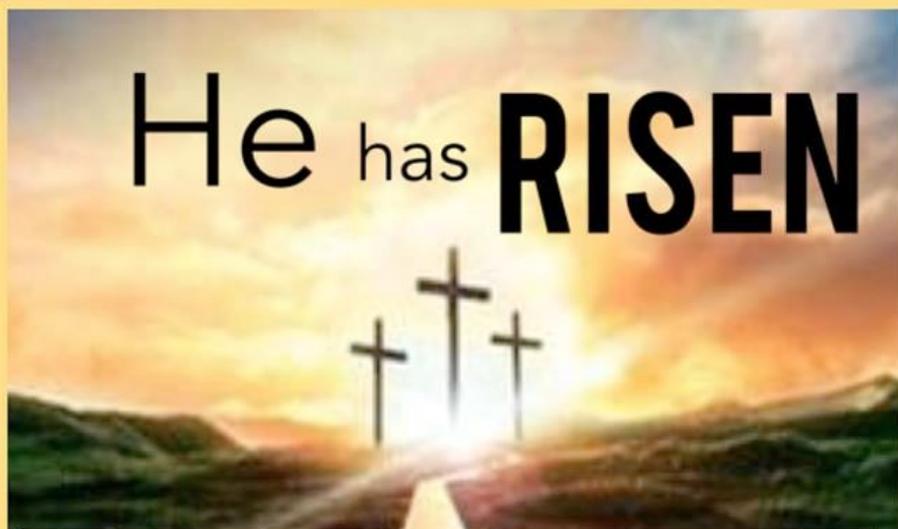




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**Join us for Holy Week & Easter Services
Silverdale Lutheran Church**

Palm Sunday	8:00 & 11:00am
Maundy Thursday	11:00am & 7:00pm
Good Friday	7:00pm
Easter Breakfast	7:30am—11:00am
Easter Worship	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

***Island Lake Cemetery Sunrise Service 6:30am**

**Island Lake Cemetery location:
12851 Old Military Road in Poulsbo**