

## AROUND THE PARISH

as of September 15, 2016

St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community,  
committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering people to grow spiritually,  
deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith in the community and the world.

### COMING EVENTS

- 9/19 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
9/20 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
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### PLANNING AHEAD

- +Wednesday, Sept 21, Soup Supper &  
Discussion, featuring Chase Lake School  
+Sunday, Sept. 25, 9:15 Bible Study class  
resumes in Annex  
+Saturday, Oct 8, ECW Coffee (see below)



### ECW COFFEE with guest Emily Goergen

St. Alban's ECW is having a coffee on Saturday, October 8, 10:00am, in the Parish Hall. Coffee, muffins and other treats will be served.

Our special guest is Emily Goergen who recently traveled to London with other Girl Scouts. The travelers had planned and saved money for four years for this journey. Emily will share pictures and stories with us of her adventures. Emily will be making her Power Point presentation on September 24 to another group as part of her "Take Action Report" for Girl Scouts.

Also, there will be used books and hand-made jewelry available. So, please bring your used books for others to buy and shop for new "reads" for yourself. (Prices 50 cents to \$1.00)

### SEPTEMBER 21 SOUP SUPPER

Fall is here, so it's time for our monthly Soup Suppers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Come join us on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30pm. You can bring a soup, salad, bread or dessert. It's helpful for planning to sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall, but not required.

Fall means that school has started at our neighborhood school, Chase Lake Community School. Principal Sean Silver has been invited to join us to discuss volunteer opportunities. Last spring Maryellen Young started volunteering at Home Work Club for an hour on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The school hopes to be able to expand opportunities to help students by expanding Home Work Club this year. But there are many other opportunities to volunteer in classrooms or other areas. For example, they are looking for a volunteer to help for 2 hours on Wednesday morning to help put together weekly packets that are sent home to parents.

Chase Lake is committed to building lasting partnerships with families and the community they serve and believe each of us are stakeholders in the improvement of student learning. Chase Lake school has many challenges with many students living in poverty (59% free or reduced lunch rate) and some students living in shelters or transitional housing who are bused to school from around the region. (Last year, they had from 16 to 23 homeless students during the school year). Come learn about how we can make an impact in our neighborhood.



## **ST. ALBAN'S CALL COMMITTEE – UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

**Dan Mullene, Call Committee Chair**

The St. Alban's Call Committee met on September 11 to continue evaluating the applications of the six candidates for our rector position provided to us by the Diocese of Olympia. Initially we had seven candidates, but confirmed that one of them was seeking full-time employment. Since our position will be only part-time, that candidate has asked to be removed from our consideration.

At our meeting we reviewed two of the candidates, considering their backgrounds and how well they matched with our requirements as identified by the Parish Profile. At our next meeting, planned for Sunday, September 18, we will continue reviewing the remaining candidates.

Once we have reviewed all the candidates, we will begin the process of prioritizing them to identify the candidates we feel are most suited for our congregation, and then expand our contact with the top choices through interviews to continue our evaluation. When we eventually have decided which candidate we feel is the best choice for us, we will present our recommendation to the Vestry for their review and approval.

At this time, we do not have an estimate of when the process will be completed. It is not uncommon for call committees to require several months to effectively complete this process, according to Ms. Paula Franck, our Diocesan Consultant, and also based on our own previous experience.

As noted previously, we are aware that our committee is made up of parish members who usually attend the 10:30am service. We will continue to have our committee members attend either the 8 a.m. services or visit at the coffee hour after that service to answer questions and provide updates as they are available.

We will also continue to keep the congregation updated about the process through articles in the Around the Parish newsletter, and through other methods, as appropriate.

Again, we ask for and encourage your prayers as we move forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Dan Mullene, committee chair, or any of the other members of the committee: Pat Chandler, Reilly Mannery, Shirley Wilson, and Roger Andersen.



## **OUTREACH DONATION BASKET – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Kairos prison ministry, nominated by Shannon Duggan, will be the recipient of our 3rd quarter outreach donations to the basket offerings, with Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> being the last 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the quarter.

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities. Kairos sprang from the Cursillo movement. Wardens where Kairos programs are held report improvements in the whole prison living environment, due to the positive influence of residents involved with the Kairos Inside Program. Recidivism rates are reduced among Kairos graduates.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

St. Alban's has a Prayer Shawl Ministry with current members Sheilah Reidburn, Carol Sodetani and Shirley Clark. They have been knitting prayer shawls and giving them to anyone who might need to be wrapped in prayers. There are several available at this time, and the ministry group would like to give them to those who need them – St. Alban's members or not.

Please contact Sheilah for further information at [sheilahreidburn@comcast.net](mailto:sheilahreidburn@comcast.net).

## AUGUST FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income for year to date through August fell slightly below budget, but that is a normal summer occurrence. Expenses continue just slightly ahead of budget for those items for which we have expenditures. Because we budgeted for a priest, comparing our current expenses to the total budget is misleading, so those numbers aren't listed.

Our income being close to budget shows that we do have the income for our total budget, including a priest and parish administrator. Our current overage will help with the ultimate expenses of calling a priest

<b>Income (actual year-to-date)</b>	<b>\$103,940</b>
<b>Budget year-to-date</b>	<b>106,512</b>
<b>Actual minus budget</b>	<b>(2,571)</b>
<b>Expenses (actual year-to-date)</b>	<b>75,829</b>



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – (St. Francis Day)

On Sunday, October 2, St. Alban's will celebrate St. Francis Feast Day with the Blessing of the Animals. You are invited to bring your pet(s) to either the 8:00am or 10:30am service. Stuffed animals are also welcome, as are photos of pets who would not find coming to church a blessed experience, or for pets that are no longer with us.

In Scriptures, the act of blessing means "the imparting of power or life." To bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring; to bless is to impart God's power in person! The blessing of each animal by name means that health, healing and life are being mediated from God for the benefit of the animal in its relationship with its human partner.

## A PRAYER FOR GROWING OLDER

**Lord, you know I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from thinking that I must express myself on every subject and straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep me from the recital of endless detail and give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains, for the love of rehearsing them becomes sweeter as the years go by. And when I grow weary of hearing of the aches and pains of others, may I endure their recitation patiently.**

**Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy, concerned but not nose-y. Give me eyes to see beauty in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people, and give me the grace to tell them so. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility when others' memories differ from mine. Teach me that occasionally I may be mistaken. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to dispense it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.**

**Anonymous, Prayers New & Old  
Forward Movement**

## ISLAM, CHRISTIANITY & FRIENDSHIP

Edmonds Lutheran Church is offering a three-part dinner and lecture series. You are invited to the first session, "What Have Muslims Contributed to Civilization?" on Saturday, October 1, at 6:30pm. RSVP is appreciated, but not required by calling 425-744-8090. The program is free and open to all.

The speaker is Tarek Dawoud, a community activist who has been in the Seattle area for the past 15 years. A graduate of Cairo University, Tarek has been volunteering at and leading various community organizations predom-

inantly within the Seattle area American Muslim community.

Future conversations are on November 5, (Women in Islam) and December 3, (Being Muslim in America.) Dinners begin at 6:30pm.



### **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS ARE BACK!!**

Starting in September, our office volunteers will return to “active duty.” The office will be covered as follows:

Monday	10:00-12:00	Judy Kistner
Tuesday	10:00-12:00	Sheilah Reidburn
Wednesday	1:00-3:00	Karen Ford
Thursday	10:00-12:00	Susie Nichols

The volunteers will check phone and/or email messages, mail and can answer questions. Call the office at 425-778-0371 or email at [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com).

### **Food Drive**



### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 – FOOD BANK**

St. Alban’s dedicates its outreach on the first Sunday of the month to the local food bank. Donations of non-perishable foods and/or money are gratefully received by the many that are in need of assistance in our area. If making a check donation, please note “Food Bank” on your check.

*The definition of gratitude is a feeling of thankful appreciation for favors or benefits received; thankfulness.*

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

#### **September 18 – Proper 20**

“Do not be anxious about earthly things, but love things heavenly,” so that even in our daily lives, when all around us may continue to change, create problems and worries, or even fade away, we can, with faith, put our trust in God and those things He promises us shall endure forever.

#### **September 25 – Proper 21**

What a difference it would have made for Lazarus if the rich man had showed him even an iota of the mercy and favor God had modeled for him in his pampered life. But the scales are eventually balanced, and Lazarus finds a lasting home near God, while the rich man is condemned to suffer for eternity. How often do we question why “bad things happen to good people,” but take little comfort in God’s promise to balance the scales gloriously in His good time? Must be because we’re human and can never know the many mysteries of God...we just have to trust...and how hard and unsatisfying that can be.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **September 18 – Pentecost 18**

**Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113**

**1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13**

8:00 Lector: John Lehrack

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

**September 25 – Pentecost 19**

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146**

**1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Mary Fowler

**October 2 – Pentecost 20**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-10**

**2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Susan Hanson

EM: Eric Hanson

**October 9 – Pentecost 21**

**2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111**

**2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19**

8:00 Lector: Denise Robertson

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Reilly Mannery

**Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells**

**Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen**

**WHO TO CONTACT:**

The person(s) to contact about putting an article in the ATP or the bulletin are as follows: Judy Kistner or Susie Nichols for the ATP and John Lehrack for the bulletin.

Please send your information to the office via email [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com), or contact the above.

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WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,  
BUT KNOWING  
*who holds the future.*