

AROUND THE PARISH

July 15, 2017

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

- 7/16 12:00pm, Worship Committee, PH
5:00pm-7:00pm Pizza Party, PH
7/17 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
7/18 10:00-11:30am Bible Study, PH
7:00pm Vestry, PH
7/24 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
7/25 10:00-11:30am Bible Study, PH
7/30 PARISH PICNIC
7/31 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH

PLANNING AHEAD

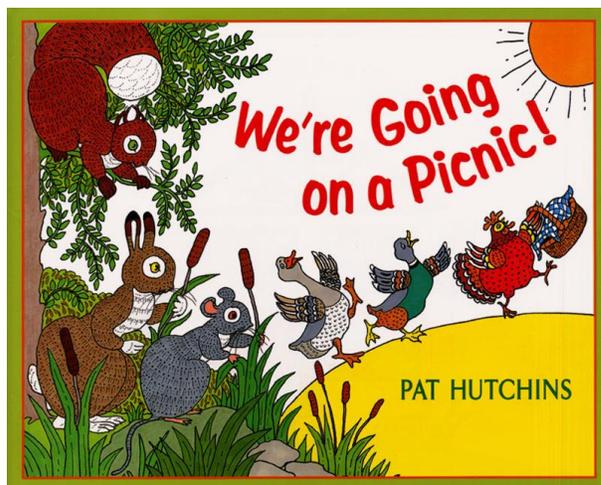
**FYI – John Lehrack will be on vacation
July 16 and 23, and we will have a substitute organist.**



**Feeding the
Community**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017
IS FOOD BANK DAY!!**

**Please remember to bring non-perishable
foods for our local food banks. Note
checks for "Food Bank."**



PARISH PICNIC JULY 30!!

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on July 30th at Edmonds City Park, Site 2. There will be an 8:00am service at the church. The 10:30am service will be held at the park followed by the picnic.

Everyone is invited to attend the picnic. Those of you who are able are asked to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Remember we are feeding a group who like to eat!!! Hot dogs with buns and condiments, chips and beverages will be provided.

COME MEET THE PETERS FAMILY

On Sunday, July 16th, we will have a get together to meet Fr. Greg and his family in the Parish Hall from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Everyone is invited to enjoy pizza, salad, soft drinks and more, to get acquainted with Erika, Hanni, and Sarah.

It has been a long time since we have had a Rector's family with us and we want to make them welcome into our family.

Come and enjoy the fellowship!!!

A THANK YOU NOTE

I want to send our thank you to St. Alban's. My husband, David, started having strokes in 2005. By 2007 he was showing the effects of the strokes and by 2010 we had outside health care aids coming in to our home 3 or more times a week. In 2013, he suffered a brain hemorrhage. Things got much worse from then on. In 2014, he had another major stroke. Since then David has had to be in a skilled nursing facility, (Manor Care Nursing Home in Lynnwood). During all of these years St. Alban's has stepped in and came to see us, coming to our home, hospital visits and coming to the Nursing Home to give us Communion.

We are so grateful to all of you for your love and support. Listening to my tears, giving us Communion, sending the All Around The Parish letters, visits from previous Priests, visitors from Church, Eric Hanson and Jim Gilman.

Thank you all for everything.

Sincerely, David and Dee Thompson

THE POWER OF PENTECOST: NOW MORE THAN EVER

This special event will be held at Embassy Suites Hotel in Lynnwood in the St. Helens Ballroom on July 27th. It is hosted and sponsored by Rita Bennett Ministries and Christian Renewal Association, Inc. There will be three wonderful main events which include: a buffet luncheon, special prayer following our four distinguished guest speakers including Fran Lance, and private prayer counseling by trained counselors. The cost of the buffet luncheon is \$30. Suggested donation for a 90-minute private counseling session is \$50. Please see Rita or Shirley Wilson to register. This is an event you won't want to miss!



BISHOP SOCIETY GRATITUDE EVENT

This year the Bishop Society event for members of St. Alban's Legacy Society will be held on Tuesday, August 29th in Olympia. Dinner will be in the Rotunda at the Washington State Capitol followed by a dessert buffet and organ recital at St. John's Olympia. A shuttle van is available from Seattle. RSVP to stewardship@ecww.org or (206) 325-4200 ext 2041. If you make a donation to St. Alban's Endowment Fund or notify the church office that you have recognized St. Alban's in your estate plans, you are eligible to participate.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Episcopal Church Women is a national organization that goes all the way back to 1871. We abbreviate it as ECW.

One thing our group is committed to do is ministry in our diocese and to be supportive of what work we do in our own church. ^This group is a way to meet the needs of the parish by offering events for the women of St. Alban's. Our main focus has been to help support and provide Forward Day by Day, for which we have several sales of books, homemade jewelry, bookmarks and gift enclosure cards donated by Carol Sodetani. The jar on the table in the Narthex is for donations to help pay for these booklets.

Our vision for all women of the church is that we become a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing

part of the church. Wendra Vaughn and Shannon Duggan graciously take care of our children for Sunday School. Thanks to Sheilah Reidburn, Judy Kistner, Karen Ford and Susie Nichols for volunteering in our office. Also, to Mary Fowler who sends welcome letters to our newcomers. Our thanks to Connie Forsberg for her many years of leadership.

This is an open invitation to all women of St. Alban's, you are automatically considered members. Please feel free to plan an event or offer any suggestions for the future.



OUTREACH GIVING

During the month of June we collected 206 items for the Chase Lake Summer Bottomless Backpack program. Easy to fix/eat items such as Ramen noodle packs, cup of noodles, mac/cheese cups, peanut butter, cereal, cracker/cheese packs and other miscellaneous items were donated. Also \$1,360 was donated including an anonymous gift of \$1,000.

In addition, \$1,126.99 was donated to Neighbors in Faith, the ministry encouraging connections with our Muslim neighbors that the Rev. Terry Kylo shared with us at a soup supper earlier this year. This money was money previously donated to our Hands On Ministry and hadn't been used so the Hands On Committee voted to designate the funds to this worthwhile ministry with confirmation by the Vestry.

Clothes for Kids, nominated by Mona Carter, was our 2nd quarter Outreach organization for our 3rd week of the month baskets. We collected \$486 during the 2nd quarter which will be rounded up from our outreach funds to \$500. Clothes for Kids is a "grass-roots" non-profit whose goal is to provide clothing so that children arrive at school ready to learn.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

July 16, 6 Pentecost, Proper 10

What kind of seed are you? Are you being used up on the pathway of life, eaten by the birds? Do you spring up quickly and just as quickly fade away from responsibilities and resolution? Are the thorns of life smothering and choking you?: Or are you laboring to be a "good soil" seed, creating a life that blossoms with care and concern for others, offers glory to God, and brings holy satisfaction to you? Most of us will face all of the above in our life journeys, but we can pray that the final full one is that for which we will continue to strive.

July 23, 7 Pentecost, Proper 11

"mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask...", If we truly believe God's promises, and trust that, in his unfathomable love and desire to be in meaningful relationship with us, he will indeed hear us, he will indeed hear us, and provide for, not our wants, but our real needs. God is eternally faithful to those who love him.

July 30, - 8 Pentecost, Proper 12

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of

God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The big “but” here is that we need to accept that offer of eternal grace with loving and thankful hearts, and respond to his awesome promise by, in turn, living lives dedicated to serving Him and those in the world around us in his name.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 16 – 6 Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-14

Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Reilly Mannery

EM: Claudia Walker

July 23 – 7 Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 87:11-17

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Stephen Hayden

EM: Dan Mullene

July 30 – 8 Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

8:00 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Jim Gilman

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Mary Fowler

PRAYER IN THE EVENING:

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen

WHEN IS THE OFFICE OPEN?

Beginning July 1st, the church office will be open Monday through Thursday, from 10:00am to noon and Friday from noon to 2:00pm. Jeannie Wells, our new Parish Administrator, will be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Monday and Thursday will be covered by volunteers, Judy Kistner and Sheilah Reidburn, respectively.

Per Father Greg he will be in the office on Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please note that the times may vary according to other meetings outside the church.

Who to Contact:

Bulletin notices should be emailed to church office: stalbansedmonds.org by Tuesday noon.

Around the Parish articles/info should be emailed to church office.