

AROUND THE PARISH

June 30, 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

- 7/3 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
7/4 OFFICE CLOSED
7/10 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
7/11 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Prayer Beads, Annex

PLANNING AHEAD

July 30, Parish Picnic, Edmonds City Park

**FYI – John Lehrack will be on vacation
July 9, 16 and 23, and we will have a substitute organist.**



**PICNIC IS COMING!!
Sunday, July 30. 10:30am
At Edmonds Park Site #2
(more info to come)**

MINISTRY CELEBRATION – WORSHIP COMMITTEE

St. Alban's Worship Committee meets quarterly with the priest to look ahead on the Liturgical Calendar to plan services and celebrations. Each area of our church services is represented – Music (John Lehrack), Lay Readers/Eucharistic Ministers (Reilly Mannery), Sunday School (Shannon Duggan), Altar Guild (Karen Ford and Susie Nichols), Adult Formation (Eric Hanson), Vestry

Liaison (Jim Nichols), Support (Judy Kistner) and Fr. Greg Peters.

In addition to planning worship service, the committee also tries to organize related fellowship activities. Ideas from the parish are encouraged and welcome!

WHEN IS THE OFFICE OPEN?

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

Items to be included in the Sunday bulletin need to be in the office by noon on Tuesdays for publication the following Sunday. Please drop off your announcement or email the office at stalbansedmonds@gmail.com.

Articles, announcements, etc., for Around the Parish can be dropped off or emailed to the church office (stalbansedmonds@gmail.com). The newsletter is published twice a month, generally on the 15th and end of the month. Articles for inclusion in the “next” publication should be in the office at least three days prior to the issue date.

Use of church facilities will continue to be coordinated by Karen Ford – i.e., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, private parties. All facility usage needs to be cleared by the office and dates checked to insure availability and prevent double-booking.

LEGACY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Members of St. Alban's enjoyed a Wine & Appetizer gathering in the Parish Hall on Saturday, June 24, sponsored by the Planned Giving Committee. Trying to figure out “Who

is that?" from the several scrapbooks on display kept many guessing. Dan Mullene welcomed the group to this annual event, reminding the celebration would continue on Sunday, June 25, with strawberry shortcake provided by the Planned Giving Committee.

Again this year, John Lehrack blessed us with his wonderful music. His selections from the 50's and 60's took a lot of the guests back in time, and a few even knew the words! Thank you, John!!

This year the Legacy Society Plaque located on the north wall of the Sanctuary, added the following names: Pat Chandler, Mary Miner, Mary Ann Simons Estate and Jeannie Wells. The plaque now contains 26 names, 2 people who wish to remain anonymous and 2 founding bequests.

Joining the Legacy Society can be as easy as writing a check and indicating "Endowment Fund" on the memo line, as well as including St. Alban's as a beneficiary or as part of your estate.



THE REST OF THE STORY—

“It Is Well with My Soul”

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

This hymn, sung at our June 18 service, was penned by hymnist Horatio Spafford and composed by Philip Bliss. The story behind it is an illustration of ultimate faith and trust.

It was written after traumatic events in Spafford's life, beginning with the death of his son at age two and the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Spafford was a lawyer and was heavily invested in property damaged by the fire. His business interests were again hit by the 1873 economic downturn, at which time he planned to travel to Europe with his family on the *SS Ville du Havre*. While he finished up business issues, Spafford sent his wife and four daughters ahead without him. The ship with his family struck another ship and sank within 12 minutes. Spafford's wife Anna survived and sent him the now-famous telegram, "Saved alone..."

Travelling to meet his grieving wife, Spafford was inspired to write the words to the hymn as his ship passed near where his daughters had died. (Composer Bliss named his tune *Ville du Havre*, from the name of the ship.)

The Spaffords later had three more children, losing a son Horatio to scarlet fever at age four. Spafford questioned whether these tragedies were punishment from God, and he was in danger of losing his faith.

The family of four moved to Jerusalem, Spafford explaining, "Jerusalem is where my Lord lived, suffered and conquered, and I wish to learn how to live, suffer and especially to conquer." They remained in Jerusalem, doing philanthropic work.

Info from Wikipedia and jameswatkins.com

FOOD BANK DONATION

The following note was received from Chase Lake Community School:

To Our Friends at St. Alban's Episcopal Church:

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our school's Safety Net Program! We are so grateful for all of the ways you support our school, our students and their families.

Vonya King-Norton

PATRIOTIC STORY TO GET US READY FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

If you were in church Sunday, June 25th, you may have heard Dan Mullene's Homily. In it, he told us a story about a high school classmate of his whose step-father was the recipient of an American flag from the World War II site of Normandy Beach. We thought you might enjoy hearing the story again, as we celebrate one of our most patriotic holidays, the 4th of July.

Dan Mullene's Homily:

Let me, share with you a story I heard recently that I hope you will find inspiring.

I am working on a committee to set up the 50th reunion of my high school, Shoreline High. I attended a meeting this week to work on that event.

After the meeting, we spent a few minutes talking about memorable vacations, and one of our classmates, Marilyn Wakefield Perry, shared details about a vacation she had taken a few years ago at Normandy Beach in France.

She told us of her experience in being on the beach with her daughter and son-in-law. It was late in the day and they were the only visitors there.

Towards the end of their visit, she went to a monument there that included sculpture and poles holding the flags of the different nations that had defended France and Europe in that great battle. She watched quietly as two French women lowered first the French flag, and then the American flag.

Caught up in the moment, she took what she now describes in retrospect as a bold action. She asked the women if she could have the American flag. She folded it up and held it close to her chest, as she took in the moment and looked back on the beach.

Marilyn told us that suddenly, she did not feel alone, but instead felt surrounded by the thousands of men and women who had fought so valiantly there to secure the freedom that you and I enjoy today.

She described it in this way: "You could feel the quiet whispers, the long-ago fury, the panic, the sadness of loss...almost impossible to put into words."

Marilyn brought that flag back home with her, where she gave it to her step-father, who had served in Pearl Harbor during World War Two, on board the battleship USS Maryland when the Japanese attacked.

She knew it would have meaning to him, and it did. Because she had the courage to take an action that her heart called out to her, she was able to honor the legacy of his service to our country.

And that flag that flew over Normandy beach, that flag that accompanied Marilyn home, that same flag given to her father, now flies proudly in the Edmonds American Legion post, as silent remembrance to us of the power of the sacrifices of so many who went before us.

By the way, her stepfather, Don Raleigh, just turned 99 this month, and is still an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Edmonds. You will see him marching in the Edmonds 4th of July parade!

PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY'S SERMON

At our June Wednesday Night Soup Supper, we watched a You Tube presentation of Bishop Curry's sermon entitled, "I love to tell the story." He is a very dynamic preacher whose words touch mind, heart and spirit. If you possess computer or smart phone (or have access to one), use this link to see and hear Presiding Bishop Curry's April 8, 2017, sermon from Fort Worth, Texas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeHucH5Juhk>

CINCINNATI BOYCHOIR

The Cincinnati Boychoir will be performing at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 – 196th St SW, Lynnwood, on July 7, 2017. Call 425-778-2159, ext. 2203 for more information.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

July 2, 4 Pentecost, Proper 8

“...that we may be made a temple acceptable to you...” When we think of temples, we tend to think mostly of special, consecrated buildings. Perhaps we need to focus more on the “special and consecrated,” and not be trapped in the actual building image. Why not think outside the box, and work at seeing yourself as a very particular temple – full of thankful love and praise for your Creator?

July 9, 5 Pentecost, Proper 9

One of our national holidays has just passed. Each week in our prayers, we remember those who lead our country. Take some time this week to read some of the other Prayer Book offerings for our nation, its people and its concerns. (See pp. 816, 820-828, and pp. 838-840.) Part of a faithful steward’s life is built upon prayer for self and others. Here is a special opportunity to concentrate on the “others” part.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2 – 4 Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy
EM: Howard Hayden
10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols
EM: Dan Mullene

July 9 – 5 Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-15

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden
EM: Shannon Duggan
10:30 Lector: Connie Forsberg
EM: Mary Fowler

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

Who to Contact:

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

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*People don't care how much you
know
until they know how much you
care*