

AROUND THE PARISH

September 3, 2021

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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Eucharist on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am

9/5 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services
for those fully vaccinated.

Zoom Coffee Hour, 12:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664979605?pwd=aEFjOHkyeHkwSEJQXXY1UjBCSElJZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6497 9605 Passcode Coffee

9/5 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm

NOTE: If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on the Facebook link.

Fr. Greg has returned from his trip to Wisconsin to relocate his mother to the Seattle area. He will preside at Sunday services this week and is looking forward to our Welcome Back Picnic and festivities on September 12. His ATP column will resume shortly.

IN MEMORY OF LORRIE PRUITT

On September 19 at our 10:30am service, we will have a festive Eucharist celebrating Lorrie Pruitt, her life and her ministries. A project dear to Lorrie's heart was the resettlement of refugees escaping the brutal Khmer Rouge regime in the aftermath of military activities in neighboring Cambodia during the Vietnam War. Lorrie's compassionate leadership inspired St. Alban's to be one of the first churches in our diocese to sponsor a Cambodian family in the 1970's. She later became involved in coordinating our own Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Program by working with other congregations and with representatives of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. She was recognized for her efforts in 1979 by Bishop Warner, who awarded her a Bishop's Cross.

Our special ingathering that day will go to the Refugee Resettlement Office in memory and honor of Lorrie's fierce, diligent, and faithful work with them, welcoming refugees to our country. If you would like to make a donation in memory of Lorrie, please mark your contribution "Lorrie". If you are unable to be with us on the 19th you can mail your donation or donate online from our website using the "Memorials" option and entering "Lorrie" in the box next to the amount donated.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/6 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall

9/8 Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook

9/8 Food Bank Distribution, 4:00-5:00pm

9/9 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary

9/10 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex

9/11 Drive-By Food Drive, 10:00am-2:00pm

9/11 Eagle Scout Ceremony, 2:00-8:00pm, PH/Sanctuary

9/12 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Annex and Zoom

9/12 WELCOME BACK PICNIC, 11:45am-2:00pm

9/14 Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm

9/15 Soup Supper & Program –
6:00pm, Evening Prayer; 6:30pm, Sack Dinner
7:00pm, Program

Evening Prayer and Program are available online.

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS: Donate by:

- Mail check to church
21405-82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
 - Drop off through the slot in Greg's door.
 - Bank Bill Pay – ask bank to send check to St. Alban's
- Online go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org
and click on "Donate Now."

SOUP SUPPER RETURNS

Save the date--Wednesday, September 15th, is our first Soup Supper of the fall. Food will be people bringing their own brown bag supper. This will be a hybrid event so people can either be in person or watch the program online with Carol Gordon as our featured speaker. Watch for more information next week.



Lots of Opportunities to help our community!!

Sunday, September 5 – At both our 8:00am and 10:30am services, we can donate to our 1st Week Food Basket. Non-perishable items of food, pet and baby supplies and, of course, cash are needed by all three of the local food banks. (Mark checks Outreach Food Bank.)

Saturday, September 11 – Come to our Drive-by Food Drive with your donations of money and/or food items. Thank You notes from the Edmonds Food Bank indicate they (like all other food banks) are overwhelmed with requests for food assistance. Along with our generous neighbors, we have been donating tuna fish, canned chicken, peanut butter, jam/jelly, spaghetti and sauce, mac and cheese, dried and canned beans, Spaghetti-Os, etc. Edmonds Food Bank also has requests for baby items and pet foods. Again, money donations are gratefully received; just note “Drive-by Food Drive” on your check.

Come, greet our parish helpers and neighbors as we work together for this cause of great need! Lee Forsberg, our great leader, is always looking for church volunteers to welcome our neighbors and parishioners.

Sunday, September 12 – If the above opportunities don’t work for you, you can bring your contributions for the food banks of food or money to church with you on Sunday, September 12, or any Sunday.

SOUP SUPPERS & PROGRAMS RETURN

Wednesday, September 15, marks the return of the fellowship of Soup Suppers and Programs. The event begins with Evening Prayer on Facebook at 6:00pm, Sack Dinner (your own fixin’s) at 6:30pm with the Program starting at 7:00pm. The presenter on September 15 is Carol Gordon who will tell us, “What Happens When One Is Asked at a Cocktail Party, What Do You Do, and I answer, Poetry.”

This event will be a hybrid – those who are fully vaccinated may attend at church and those who wish to remain at home can watch on line. Watch for more information next week.



??? FLOWERS ???

Sharon Joy, Altar Guild Flower Coordinator

As a congregation, we’re agreed we want them. We don’t seem to care if they’re bouquets or plants, if we have one or more, if they’re given by a member in dedication or given anonymously – we just want to have them as part of our worship.

Sharon Joy (425-478-6844) will continue to coordinate, but is looking for members of the

congregation to assist. During the last 3 - 4 months, we’ve been getting flowers from local farmers’ markets, Costco, local grocery stores and local nurseries. The cost has been averaging around \$40 per Sunday. We also still need people who can shop for flowers or plants, as well as those who are able to arrange flowers for those of us who need assistance.

We realize that many are unable to donate an extra \$20 - \$40. A flower fund has been started so that anyone may contribute as little or as much as they wish. That money will then be used to purchase flowers or plants whenever there is need, and the bulletin will indicate that the flowers are from the people of St. Alban's.



Plans are being completed for the return of our Annual Parish Picnic on **Sunday, September 12**. The 8:00 and 10:30am services will be held as usual with the picnic following the second service, at about 11:45am – 2:00pm.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, Bush’s baked beans and chips will be provided. Some canned pop and water will be available, but feel free to bring your beverage of choice and extras to share if you would like.

The picnic will be outdoors in the south parking lot, under the eaves. If the weather doesn’t cooperate, there will be space inside available. Please remember we are requesting all attendees be fully vaccinated with the exception of children under 12 years of age.

Please join us at the Parish Picnic whether or not you attend the service. We have all missed the fellowship and camaraderie of our church family these past months!



CHASE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Now is the time for Back to School sales. If you would like to take advantage of these sales, we will be collecting donations to support students at Chase Lake Community School during September.

Thanks to the Hoffmans for getting us started on this project.

Below is a list of supplies suggested by Chase Lake:

Crayola Crayons (24 ct)
 #2 Ticonderoga brand pencils
 Crayola colored pencils
 Crayola washable markers
 White board markers
 Expo dry erase markers—(black only)
 Highlighters (three colors)
 Spiral notebook one-subject (wide rule)
 Composition notebooks (wide rule)
 Plastic folders (pockets at the bottom)
 Pencil box
 Avery glue sticks
 Children's Fiskar scissors
 Pink erasers
 Baby wipes, unscented

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Eric Hanson will resume the Sunday Bible Study group on Sunday, September 12, at 9:15am. Those who wish to meet in person will gather in the Annex building. Class will also be on Zoom for those who wish to attend from home. Genesis is the book for study and discussion.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

Mother Teresa



“WASHED IN CHRIST’S PROMISE”

The following is a reflection from an old church bulletin of June 25, 2000 – our bulletins at that time included a message on the last page. It is timeless, and is as applicable to life today as it was then.

Dear Lord, be good to me, the sea is so wide, and my boat is so small, goes an old fishermen’s prayer.

When the storm rises on the sea, the disciples become stricken with fear. They realize how vulnerable their fishing boat really is as the cold waves slap it about like a leaf in the breeze.

All of us face times when we feel insecure, “out at sea,” or even, “up a creek without a paddle.” To be human means to be vulnerable, to encounter life sometimes in the threat of danger, to feel touselled and slapped by icy waters that might overwhelm us. And like Jesus’ disciples, we might almost capsize in fear, even though Jesus remains right beside us.

We gather together in worship as people who have known life’s threatening gales. We need only look to our right, or to our left – we need only look into our own circumstances – to see people who struggle, illness, financial crisis, family problems, loss of work, the weakness of old age – these are just some of the waters that may wash over God’s people.

Yet, just as we gather as people who struggle, we gather also as people who hope. For we gather around God’s word, which reveals that Jesus died for us and will be with us always. We gather around the meal of Christ’s presence, through which Jesus feeds us his own victory over human vulnerability. We gather as the baptized who pray together, trusting that the saving waters of the font are stronger than all the storms of life. We worship together, hopeful and strengthened in faith that, though our boats are small, and the sea is wide, God through Jesus Christ has promised to be good to us.

Augsburg Fortress

How to frighten the New Generation – put them in a room with a rotary phone, an analog watch and a TV with no remote. Then leave directions on how to use in cursive.

Contributed by Karen Ford

jokes

From Dave Wilson

Remember Phyllis Diller....

As your beauty fades, so will his eyes.

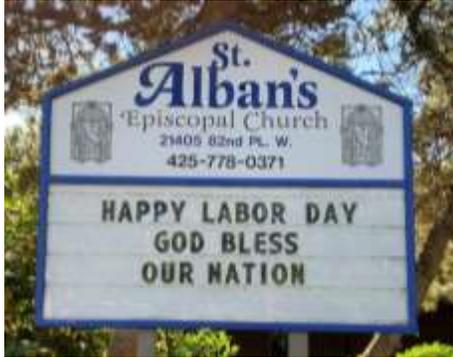
Housework can’t kill you, but why take a chance!

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling your sidewalk before it stops snowing.

The reason women don’t play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 5 – 15 PENTECOST

Part of Mark's Gospel deals with the healing of the deaf man. The phrase Jesus uses is "*Ephphata*" which translates as "*be opened.*" Perhaps this phrase should be part of our prayer as stewards. Do we have faith enough to ask God to help us be open with all our lives and resources as a joyful response to His gifts, which are indeed too many to number?

SEPTEMBER 12 – 16 PENTECOST

In Mark 8, Jesus says, *But who do you say that I am?* Your relationship with Jesus – personal or impersonal, constant presence in your life of "God, please help me just this one time and I'll never..." savior and true friend or distant, hazy religious figure – no doubt has a great deal to do with your life as a steward. Who do you say that He is? Wouldn't your stewardship life be more meaningful if you could see Him as constant presence, true friend, and personal savior? He wants to be all of these things you know!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 5 – 15 PENTECOST

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

Collect for September 5

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts, for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their

own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

SEPTEMBER 12 – 16 PENTECOST

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:12

Mark 8:27-38

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach – Pathways for Women

4th week—Capital Improvements

5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm

Friday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make appointment.
- Wear a mask.

In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm, Home

Wednesday Church Office – 10:00am – 2:00 pm

(Available by appointment)

Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com

Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm

(Available by appointment)



ST. ALBAN'S YouTube CHANNEL

There is an alternative option for viewing our Worship services, and you now have two options for your viewing: Facebook or YouTube. In the center of our website front page, there is a link to YouTube, pictured above. If you have problems with Facebook, try YouTube.