

AROUND THE PARISH

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.



September 16, 2022

SUNDAY – September 18, 2022

10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube

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

9:00am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is continuing to study Gospel of Mark.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall

NOTE: No Facebook account? Watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on Facebook



Fr. Greg Peters

Our Vestry met for their monthly meeting last Tuesday.

We spent a good deal of time evaluating the recent School Backpack Blessing and Picnic as well as our annual collecting of school supplies for Chase Lake School. Events like these are, of course, never perfect and we are always looking for ways to better serve our congregation and community, but the overall sense was joy, goodwill, and enthusiasm these engender. The improvements are generally technical issues while the joyfulness of these gatherings says more about the Spirit within us. As a body, the Vestry is appreciative of all the ways that people pitched in, participated, invited others, and simply enjoyed each other's company. All that sounds a lot like the first vow of the Baptismal Covenant: "Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers?"

Officially, what the Vestry would like to report back to you all is these four things:

1. We have applied for and been approved for a Diocesan Congregational Development Grant. The Grant will empower us to research and develop worship services and fellowship opportunities focused on people with special needs. We are a welcoming community, and this will help us be even more welcoming and better at meeting the spiritual and social needs of people with developmental and/or intellectual challenges. We will not know the exact amount we will receive for this work until the 2023 Diocesan Budget is approved at Convention, October 21 – 22, but we are very excited by the prospects of how we will grow and develop as a congregation.
2. We are looking forward to our Annual St. Francis Blessing. This year, beyond our usual practice

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/17 11:30-5:00pm, Eagle Scout, Sanctuary/PH

9/19 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

9/21 6:00pm, Evening Prayer; 6:30pm, Supper, 7:00pm, Program

9/22 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

9/23 2:00pm-6:00pm, Private Event

7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex

9/24 10:00am-2:00pm, Food Drive

2:00-4:00pm, Pokémon TGC

9/25 9:30am, Peace & Social Justice Meeting

10/1 10:30am, ECW Coffee, Parish Hall

Prayer for All Humanity

May I be a guard for those who need protection, a guide for those on the path, a boat, a raft, a bridge for those who wish to cross the flood.

May I be a lamp in the darkness, a resting place for the weary, a healing medicine for all who are sick, a vase of plenty, a tree of miracles.

And for the boundless multitudes of living beings, may I bring sustenance and awakening, enduring like the earth and sky until all beings are freed from sorrow and all are awakened.

-Shantideva, Indian Buddhist Sage 700 A.D.

of blessing our own pets on Sunday, we will be holding a service that is specifically aimed at our community and neighborhood on Saturday, October 8. Look for details as they fall into place, and please help get the word out to your families, friends, and neighbors.

3. The team working on searching for our next music director has met three times. Our work right now is reviewing and updating the job description. In order to help our search process, the team has put out an informational survey about musical preferences, hopes, and desires for the future. One vestry member noted that the survey neglected to ask specifically about Taizé. That omission was simply an oversight. Please, as you fill out the survey, if you find something that is missing, feel free to add that information on the survey form. Surveys have gone out in the ATP and are also available in the Narthex. The deadline for getting in the survey is October 9. The surveys can be mailed into the office or placed in the basket in the Narthex.
4. Lastly, as reported last month, the Vestry is seeking a Clerk. The only real requirements are to have a good computer and recording skills and a willingness to serve the congregation by helping the Vestry keep track of our proceedings, actions, and developments.

As I have said before, it is a pleasure to serve with this merry band of hardworking, dedicated, enthusiastic, and competent leaders.



BACKPACK BLESSING & PICNIC

Last Sunday's gathering was a special one as we remembered the events of 9/11/2001, praying for all those who lost their lives and for those whose lives were tragically affected that day.

Fr. Greg blessed the backpacks brought to church for our Welcome Back Celebration, offering prayers for all the students, teachers and many staff members who keep the schools in operation.

The barbeque picnic was another success – grilled hamburgers and hot dogs cooked to perfection. There was also a great variety of side dishes and desserts contributed by parishioners.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this day and events, especially our chefs, and Maisy Hochstetler and

Wendre Vaughan who spent many hours planning and carrying out all the details necessary for a wonderful fellowship occasion.



SIGN UP FOR SOUP SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

Join us on **Wednesday, September 21**, as we resume our mid-week Soup Suppers. Evening Prayer begins the evening at 6:00pm, with a meal of soup, salads, bread, and desserts following at 7:00pm.

The program for this session will be looking at the fundamentals of being Episcopalians – What does this branch of the Jesus' Way look like, its worship, scriptures and ethics, live, move, and have its being. This will be a guided discussion. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall for food, set-up and clean-up.



DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE – SEPTEMBER 24

Our Food Bank guru, Lee Forsberg, has arranged for another Drive-by Food Drive on **Saturday, September 24, from 10:00am - 2:00pm**. Literally all of the food banks, local and beyond, are scrambling to serve all their clients who are in need of food items.

St. Alban's parishioners and our neighbors have been an inspiration in continuing to donate non-perishable foods for the Edmonds Food Bank. We are very generous in our giving, but the need gets greater every week.

We can all help by adding the Food Bank to our shopping lists – bring a bag or two one time, or bring several items each Sunday as some congregants have been doing.

Join in the fun of greeting donors at the Food Drive itself on September 24. Our neighbors have gotten to know us and look forward to seeing us at each drive.



ECW COFFEE WITH SPECIAL GUEST, DEBBIE DIMITRE

It's time for another ECW coffee gathering for the ladies of the parish. On **Saturday, October 1, at 10:30am**, ECW will meet and have time to socialize

and catch-up with each other. Light refreshments of coffee, tea, and some snacks will be served.

The special feature at this event is a presentation by guest speaker, Debbie Dimitre, a NW storyteller and actress. Debbie will be telling us about Broken Star, the heroic tales of Harriett Beacher-Stowe (author of Uncle Tom's Cabin), and Harriet Tubman, the woman who led hundreds of slaves on the Underground Railroad.

We hope you will join us for the event. Bring your family, friends or neighbors too.

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEEDS INPUT

The Music Committee tasked with finding a new Music Director for St. Alban's is asking you to **fill out the Music Survey attached to this ATP**. There are several questions regarding your preferences. It is requested you complete the form and give to a member of the committee or an usher, deliver to church office, or mail to church **no later than October 9, 2022**.

Committee members are Greg Peters, Gerry Faley, Carrie Cone, Eric Hanson, Phyllis Becker and Jeannie Burpee.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS



During October we will once again be collecting donations for the Ditty Bags for Mission to Seafarers. Every year, the Seattle Seafarers' Center provides about 1,000 ditty bags stuffed with basic personal necessities to merchant seafarers.

These bags are one way we help seafarers celebrate Christmas while they are far from home during the holiday season. Seafarers help make Christmas possible by transporting lots of stuff to the US. Help make a seafarer's Christmas by providing them with a ditty bag to say thank you!

There are lots of ways to participate. You can make drawstring bags or knit hats, or you can purchase basic supplies (e.g., **full size shampoo and/or body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, deck of cards, notepad and pen/pencil, knit hat and something fun, like candy**). You can also purchase \$25 gift cards for seafarers at Target and Wal-Mart. The crews also love board games.

We will be collecting items during October and then later delivering them to the Center. For more information, contact their website Seattle Seafarers

Center Mission to Seafarers (mts-seattle.org) or contact the Seattle Seafarers Center.

SEEDS OF CULTURE with Matika Wilbur: Portraits & Stories of Indigenous Women

Online Event: Saturday, October 1
3:00pm – 4:30pm

Matika Wilbur was raised in the Swinomish Tribal community and is an enrolled member of the Tulalip Tribes, where she currently lives with her husband and baby. She integrates fine art and social justice as a long-form photo documentarian, writer, filmmaker, podcaster and public speaker.

She is the founder and photographer of Project 562, a documentary project dedicated to photographing representatives from all 562 tribes as a way of "changing the way we see Native America." Project 562 is Matika's fourth major creative project elevating Native American identity and culture. While pursuing this project, she was entrusted by the Native women that she met with messages meant to be shared with all through the telling of their stories. Sno-Isle Libraries is honored to support the sharing of these stories, presented by this extraordinary artist, documentarian and speaker.

Registration is required. Please click the link below to join the webinar at 3PM on Saturday, October 1, 2022:

<https://sno-isle-org.zoom.us/j/84196644301?pwd=dmljK1NuU2FPRHlNZlEvZVJMaEFOQT09>

Webinar ID: 841 9664 4301 Passcode: 516568



From Dave Wilson

An 85-year-old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years mainly due to her interest in health food and exercise. When they reached the Pearly Gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen, master bath suite and Jacuzzi.

As they "oohed and aahed," the old man asked St. Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied. "This is Heaven."

Next, they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed on to. They would have golfing privileges every day, and each

week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth.

The old man asked, "What are the green fees?"

Peter's reply, "This is Heaven, you play for free."

Next, they went to the club house and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet? This is Heaven, it is free!" Peter replied with some exasperation.

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly.

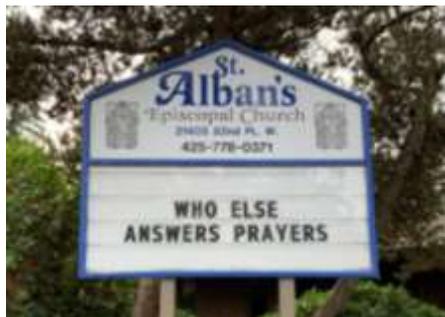
Peter lectured, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

With that, the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it, and shrieking wildly. Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong.

The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for you and your bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 18 – 15 PENTECOST

"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 – 16 PENTECOST

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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 18 – 15 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Collect for 15 Pentecost

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

SEPTEMBER 25 –16 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, 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)

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

*Place donation in plate or basket at entrance to Sanctuary before the start of the service.

*Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026

*Drop off through slot in Fr. Greg's door.

*Bank Bill Pay – have bank send check to St. Alban's.

*Online, go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on "Donate Now."

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

- 1st week—Food Bank
- 2nd week—Discretionary Fund
- 3rd week – Outreach
- 4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering
- 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.



PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn kiwicat1@gmail.com or 4257-45-1390.

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People used during the Sunday worship.

Prayer Chain:

About a dozen people pray regularly for members of the congregation or other friends and relatives as requested.

Prayer Shawls:

Prayer shawls are available for those in need of comfort during challenging times.



Photos from Jeannie Wells. Thanks!!



Music Survey

A committee has been formed to find a new Music Director for St. Albans.

Please help us by sharing your preferences.

Manner of presentation	Yes	No	Comments
Piano	_____	_____	_____
Organ	_____	_____	_____
Combination of above	_____	_____	_____
Solos	_____	_____	_____
Small Ensembles (duets, trios, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
Descants	_____	_____	_____
Instrumental	_____	_____	_____
Do you prefer a variety of music?	_____	_____	_____
Hymns	_____	_____	_____
Gospel	_____	_____	_____
Folk mass	_____	_____	_____
Contemporary/Jazz	_____	_____	_____
What special hymns or music would you like to hear?	_____		
Would you like to have a choir in the future?	_____	_____	_____
Would you participate in a choir?	_____	_____	_____
If you attend the 8:00 service, would you like to continue to have music at that service?	_____	_____	_____
Have you any other ideas you'd like to share?	_____		

If you'd like to contact a member of the committee, please do.

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Please complete ASAP and give to a member of the committee or an usher, deliver to office, or mail back. Return no later than Oct 9, 2022

