

AROUND THE PARISH

August 25, 2023

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 – August 27

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services. Masking is no longer required, but is strongly recommended.

Sunday Adult Bible Study is on a brief break and will return on September 10.

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

NOTE: With Parish Administrator Jeannie Wells on vacation, there will not be a Sunday bulletin on August 27. We'll go back to the old-fashioned way of using the Prayer Book and Hymnal.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 8/26 10:30am, ECW Coffee, Parish Hall
- 8/28 6:30-8:30pm, Preschool Orientation (classrooms)
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 8/30 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
- 8/31 6:30-8:30pm, Preschool Orientation (classrooms)
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 9/1 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 9/4 OFFICE CLOSED
1:30pm, Episcoplayers Meeting
- 9/9 10:00am-2:00pm, Food Bank Drive By
- 9/10 Welcome Back Sunday & Ministry Fair
- 9/12 7:00pm, Taste of Inner Healing, Parish Hall

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

After a short break, the bible study group will resume meeting on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15am, in the Annex. They will finish the study of the Minor Prophets and embark on a study of Corinthians.

You are invited to join either in person or on Zoom (link will be published in ATP each week). Eric Hanson is the leader of this group where discussion and questions are encouraged.

NOTE: Fr. Greg will be on vacation from August 28 through September 4. Rev. Danae Ashley will be our guest priest on Sunday, September 3.



Fr. Greg Peters

We're entering the last week of Summer School Vacation. So at my house we're planning one last hurrah. Erika has a conference in Chicago (the first conference she's attended in-person in the new Covid era), and Sarah and I are tagging along. We'll be staying with my oldest best friend, Tom, whose escapades with me you've heard about on more than one occasion, and going up to Wisconsin to see my brothers, niece, nephew, and cousins. We're back on Labor Day and then getting ready for Sarah's first day as an Eighth Grader on Wednesday, September 6.

The Rev. Danae Ashley will preside and preach on Sunday, September 3. Danae has served with us before earlier this year. She was in our small group at the College for Congregational Development a few years ago. I'm thankful that she was available for this upcoming Sunday, September 3.

As you know, Dan Mullene is our Almoner, the person in charge of the Alms and appointed by the Vestry to administer the Discretionary Fund. Dan has served in this capacity for several years and will be available to assist with any pastoral need requiring monetary assistance.

Our Welcome Back Sunday celebrations are September 10. Please look forward to a special coffee hour. The Hospitality crew is planning on putting on an even nicer spread than usual and there are rumors – okay, I'm starting them! – that espresso makers will be on the premises and ready for action. Have your orders ready!

This celebration will be an opportunity to meet participants in the ministry groups of our congregation and to join them in their services. Yep, every single one of these groups needs more people participating. Yep, we want to get as many people involved as possible. NOPE, these are not lifelong commitments!

In some ways, we're still recovering from the shock of the pandemic. We're coming back to in-person church, our attendance is increasing, we are gaining new members, all good signs – all blessings. But participation in our ministry groups has not really recovered and those involved are stressed. So please, prayerfully consider ways that you can share your spiritual gifts for the

ministry of this Body of Christ in this place.

We are so blessed with skill, talent, compassion, and joy -- all for the magnification of God's Glory, Christ Jesus' healing ministry, and the Spirit's transfiguring joy. It is a grace to share in this work with you.

See you then! Greg



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN COFFEE

Join us this **Saturday, August 26, from 10:30am to 12:00pm**, for some coffee/tea, light refreshments, and fellowship in the Parish Hall. We will enjoy some fun and fellowship together and hear Mona Carter share highlights of her recent trip to Camabodia, Vietnam and Thailand. All are welcome to join us.



FOOD DRIVE – SEPTEMBER 9

St. Alban's next Drive By Food Drive is on **Saturday, September 9, from 10:00am - 2:00pm.**

A lot of people in our community rely on local food banks for assistance in providing food for their families. We will be collecting cash and non-perishable foods – canned chicken/tuna, canned or packaged beans, mac and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter, jams/jellies, canned vegetable/ fruits. There is also need for baby items and food for pets.

Lee Foresberg and his volunteer team will be on hand to greet and assist those donating. We have regular donors from neighbors who appreciate having a nearby place to contribute food. All efforts are needed to make this a success for the Food Bank and St. Alban's, but most importantly to feed those who are hungry and in need. "Feed my sheep"

Allow me to serve others with a joyful heart; ever keeping score; Always giving; Never expecting to receive. Allow me to give of myself, To give of my talents and of my goods, To give of my time and of my energy, To give of my heart and of my soul.

WHAT CAN WE DO??

We can invite anyone who thinks he/she might be interested in this group to attend our upcoming meeting at church on **Monday, September 4, at 1:30pm.** Check us out with no commitment.



Even if you say, "I can't do that," there are other non-performing assistances that would be helpful. Participation in any form is strictly by choice.

St. Alban's Episcoplayers



DISCRETIONARY FUND NEEDS HELP

Jim Gilman

Jodi Pena and Frank Davis are a homeless couple, living in their truck and searching for work and stability. They heard about St. Alban's generosity and contacted the church. Along with another local church, we were able to assist them financially so they could rent a trailer house. St. Alban's also helped put them in touch with local social services agencies.

In addition, St. Alban's regularly helps families not only by distributing food but also by providing gas cards. Consequently, our Discretionary Fund is currently depleted. You can give to this fund at any time in cash or by check. Please write "Discretionary Fund" on the memo line of your check or on envelope.



JULY FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for July was \$17,234 compared to a budget of \$15,584 or (\$1,740) under budget. Year-to-date income was \$123,099 compared to a budget of

\$115,970 or \$7,129 over budget. Both Unpledged contributions and Pledges are about \$3,000 ahead of budget.

Expenses for July were \$14,973 compared to a budget of \$17,136 or (\$2,163) under budget. Year-to-date expenses were \$114,543 compared to a budget of \$122,162 or (\$7,619) under budget. About (\$4,397) of the underrunning of expenses continues to be the difference with paying a supply organist instead of a salaried employee.

We are spending more in the area of supplies, reflecting increased usage and price increases on these items. We are also spending more on Parish Life, reflecting more activities with the parish. There are not any other significant differences of note.

We have received \$8,556 more than we have spent.

Year-to-Date Totals

Actual Income	\$123,099
Budget Income	\$115,970
Income minus Budget	\$7,129
Actual Expenses	\$114,543
Budget Expenses	\$122,162
Expenses minus Budget	(\$7,619)



WELCOME BACK COFFEE HOUR & MINISTRY FAIR – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Sunday, September 10, is our Welcome Back Sunday when we'll celebrate the Summer past, with all its travel, leisure and renewal. And we'll enter the "new academic and program" year with a special coffee hour after both services along with a Ministry Fair.

This event is an opportunity to learn more about our many ministries, to encourage and celebrate each other and, frankly, to sign up to join these ministries. So, Ministers, here's a chance to share what you do and recruit people to join you in these ministries. Congregants, here's your opportunity to discern possible ways of sharing the gifts of the Spirit that have been entrusted to you. There's a lot going on here and literally every ministry group needs more people to enter into the ministry. You know what they say about muscles? "Use 'em or lose 'em." Probably applies to Gifts of the Spirit, too.

A TASTE OF INNER HEALING
Jesus wants to heal your Past Hurts and Childhood Wounds

Shirley Wilson

What is inner healing or soul healing prayer? Come to St. Alban's for an introduction to soul healing (sozo) prayer.

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 12, 7:00-9:00pm

Presented by: CRA-RESTORE (Formerly Christian Renewal Association, founded by the late Rev. Dennis Bennett and Dr. Rita Bennett)

Cost: No Charge

Registration: For registration and more information, go to www.emotionallyfree.org

RESTORE WHOLENESS WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Saturday September 23, 1:30pm-4:00pm

Presented by: CRA-RESTORE

Registration: Please register online so we can plan adequately – www.emotionallyfree.org



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHASE LAKE

The drive to collect school supplies for our neighboring school, Chase Lake Elementary, will end this **Sunday, August 27**. There are many families in our neighborhood who are experiencing difficulties providing food for their families. They also need assistance with their children's school supplies. There is a list of items requested in the Parish Hall. If you wish to donate money, please indicate "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check or envelope.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

AUGUST 27 – PENTECOST 13

Near the end of Psalm 138, it says: *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe...your right hand shall save me. The Lord will make good his purpose for me...O Lord, your love endures forever.*

As “stewards-in-training,” how can we strive to genuinely trust and believe these promises? Perhaps utilizing the Holy Habits (prayer, bible study, community worship and service, and thankful giving) can help. Why not covenant to them a new or renewed try in the days ahead?

SEPTEMBER 3 – PENTECOST 14

Now here’s a very vivid vision. How can we live in God’s love and power so it will seem to us and to others that we’ve had some radical surgery – and that the love of His name (and all that that implies) is truly “*grafter in our hearts*”? It’s probably easier for us to consider the challenges of physical heart surgery than to pray for the blessed addition to our bodies and minds the true Healer can make if called upon.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

AUGUST 27 – PENTECOST 13

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Collect for Pentecost 13

Grant, O Merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among the peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

SEPTEMBER 3 – PENTECOST 14

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- *Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98926
- *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—Indigenous Women Support

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 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
Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or
stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make an appointment.
In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at sheilahreidburn@comcast.net or 206-427-1920.

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People are used during 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.

