

## AROUND THE PARISH

April 5, 2024

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 – April 7

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services.** Masking is currently voluntary; those who prefer to continue wearing their masks are encouraged to do so.

**9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SWlPUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

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

Go to <https://stalbansedmonds.org/> and click on either YouTube for Facebook to watch service online.

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



**Fr. Greg Peters**

The cherry trees are blooming and are they beautiful! But the magnolias are coming on too and for my money, they're even more spectacular. Our neighbors have a tree with those deep purple blossoms, and it is magnificent.

Isn't it a wonder how we humans spend so much time, energy, and resources on some things purely for their beauty. And some of that beauty is so fleeting. I mean really, these flowering trees don't produce fruit and the blossoms only last a couple of weeks, but still, we plant them.

At least, flowering trees and bushes grow for decades. Annual flowers are even more transitory, and we plant those with reckless abandon. We might get a season of flowers, but usually it's just a few weeks. Thankfully they attract bees and other pollinators.

Of course, our lavish expenditures on the transitory are not confined to plants. Going to hear live music, for example, only lasts for the time that the musicians are actually playing or singing, then all we have left is memories.

Even food and drink, for all their deliciousness and healthful benefits to the body, are little more than lingerings in the mouth.

But then there's love. Love may be intangible, but can you imagine the love for your dearest one or their love for you ending – ever? No, love lasts beyond the here and now.

And yet, if our pension for things of beauty is any indication, we are hardwired exactly and explicitly for this way of knowing the world, knowing what's truly important. In a single individual, we grasp the presence of the universal. In the short span of a single life, we glimpse eternity. In things that are passing, we inhabit that which endures.

Perhaps this is the image and likeness of God in us. Or at least an aspect of it. Somehow, we see as God sees. Somehow, we know something of the mind of God. Somehow, we love as God loves.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 4/6 3:00-5:00pm, Philadelphia Eleven, Parish Hall**
- 4/7 Tartan Sunday**
- 4/8 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Hybrid (Annex/Zoom)  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall**
- 4/9 2:00pm, Altar Guild Mtg, Parish Hall  
4:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall**
- 4/10 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook**
- 4/11 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary**
- 4/12 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary**
- 4/17 6:00pm Evening Prayer, In Person & Facebook  
6:30pm, Supper & Program**

Jesus left us with the great hope and certainty that He is going to return to bring a new Heaven and a new earth where, we are told, there will be no more sorrow, trouble, or death for those who have believed and followed Him. There will be trouble, sorrow, and suffering for those who have neglected or rejected Him.

As Christians, our great task is to obey the command to tell the whole world about Christ crucified, buried, yet risen again. My prayer for you during this season of the year, when we meditate on our Savior's great sacrifice for us on the cross, is that you will be filled with great peace and hope, because "He is risen!" That is the Good News.

-Billy Graham

Easter is upon us. Again, we enter upon the contemplation of the eternal in the face of the cold, hard facts of this brief and passing life. Eternal life encapsulated in transitory flesh. The infinite and eternal God indwelling the finite body and time-bound person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Death has no dominion over this. No dominion over beauty. No dominion over love. No dominion over what is good and whole. Death has no dominion over that which is true.

**NOTE: Fr. Greg will be out of the office this coming week, April 8-12.**



**A MEANINGFUL & BUSY WEEK – March 25-31**

St. Alban’s Holy Week was full of special services, fellowship, and prayer. Monday and Tuesday were Evening Prayer, and Wednesday was the unique service of Tenebrae, along with Taize music.

The Maundy Thursday service included an Agape Potluck with Eucharist, hand/foot washing, and the emotional stripping of the altar, leaving the altar in silence and darkness.

Good Friday services were at noon and evening, as well as self-paced Stations of the Cross in the Labyrinth. Fr. Greg held a meditative service keeping watch during Christ’s descent among the dead at noon on Saturday.

Also on Saturday was a very successful Easter Egg Hunt attended by many children and families. Those with all kinds of abilities and special needs were welcomed, and a whole lot of candy and smiles went home at the end.

At the beautiful Easter Vigil on Saturday night was the fire lighting and gathering in the Sanctuary for lessons, renewal of our Baptismal Covenant, and Eucharist. Baptized were Anna Sharpe and Michael Stark; Nick Sharpe renewed his baptismal vows.

Our thanks to all who helped make this a very spirit-filled week of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. From putting together Easter Eggs, sprucing up the grounds, the Agape supper, stripping of the altar, Tenebrae/Taizé, Stations of the Cross in the labyrinth, Good Friday meditations, the inspiring Vigil, baptisms and glorious Easter music, it was a memorable week.

He is Risen Indeed!

**SOUP SUPPER & PROGRAM – April 17**

As you know, Greg is going on Sabbatical from May through July. It’s a time for renewal, study, reflection, and visioning. But it’s not for him alone. Members of the congregation too are engaged in this time of renewal, study, reflection, and visioning. Come to this Soup Supper discussion to learn about Greg’s hopes and plans, and come to hear about what he and Vestry plan and hope for you all during this time.

As is our usual practice, the evening begins at **6:00pm with Evening Prayer** in the Sanctuary and on Facebook, followed by a simple but hearty dinner and the presentation and discussion from 7:00-8:00pm, ending the evening with Compline.

Supper consists of soup, salads, bread and dessert. You are invited to bring a dish to share if you are able. There is always plenty of food!



Thank you for your Easter gifts to support our church family. Your generosity for this special Easter donation totaled \$965.

**GRIEF**

If you don’t feel the alleluias, or if you are blind and weighed down in grief, you are not alone. Many of us feel the same. Jesus is alive and present alongside us, including when we don’t see him. Jesus is persistent, surprising, and personal, coming with love to comfort, console, and confirm. As on the cross, Jesus comes not as we expect.

Br. Luke Ditewig, SSJE



**MINISTRY FOCUS**  
**(What and How We Operate)**

Jan Skidmore, People’s Warden

**AV/STREAMING** – Phil McClelland, Brad Goergen and Denise Robertson operate our sound system for all in-person services and events. Plus, recording, “up loading” it so anyone may view it on Facebook or You Tube in real time or any time afterwards.

**Church Directory & Pictures** – Maryellen Young and Harvey Smith continually maintain a current Directory both in text and with photographs.

**Constant Contact** - Roger Anderson prepares and sends an e-mail of important information that needs to be shared to all members in a timely manner.

**PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

**We Welcome:**

Alisha & Scott Watson  
4226 – 212<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043  
425-309-2927  
Daughter Aleela, 20 years old  
[Watsonalisha585@gmail.com](mailto:Watsonalisha585@gmail.com)



**CHASE LAKE REQUEST**

We recently received a **request from Chase Lake Community School** indicating that they are in need of food for their Chase Lake Panty & Bus Snacks. They pack 23 bags a week for families in need and hand out 28 bus snacks per day.

Although we have a food drive for Edmonds Food Bank in May, our congregation also has a heart for Chase Lake too.

Below is the list of items they are requesting. There will be a crate in the Parish Hall for “Chase Lake.” We’ll collect during April for this need.

Or, if you want someone else to do the shopping, you can make a donation designated “Chase Lake.”

**Needed items:**

- Applesauce squeezables
- Canned chicken

- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Cereal
- Graham crackers
- Individual fish crackers bags or a large bag
- Individual pretzels bags or a large bag
- Mac 'n Cheese
- Pasta
- Ritz crackers
- Soft & chewy granola bars (NO Peanut Butter)
- Soup
- Spaghetti sauce
- Spam
- Tuna helper



**2nd QUARTER BASKET DONATIONS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week Outreach**

**Habitat for Humanity** is a nonprofit housing developer for low-income families. They have built, renovated, and repaired more than 45 homes in partnership with Snohomish County businesses, community groups and homeowners. St. Alban’s participated in a recent Build of an Everett house.

**4<sup>th</sup> Week International Relief**

**World Vision** responds quickly to humanitarian crises worldwide, ensuring access to critical necessities like food, clean water, hygiene and cooking kits, cash vouchers, child protection services, and more. They are committed to protecting children and other vulnerable people, even in the most challenging environments.

**THANK YOU FROM HABITAT**

Hello to St. Alban’s,

Thank you for your generous donation to Habitat for Humanity of Snohomish County of \$360.

At Habitat for Humanity, we’re not just building and repairing homes. We’re building stable and prosperous futures for our families, purpose for our volunteers, and strength for our community. A Habitat project provides shelter, but also a new start for families, opportunities for our community to give back, and joyous and fond memories for all involved.

Your donation will last for generations and foster goodwill amongst neighbors. Together, with your help, we will build a world where *everyone* has a decent place to live.

Steven Li, Executive Director

Added Note: *Thank you for continuing to think of us as you decide where to further invest in your community! Your support allows us to continue building stability and hope in Snohomish County alongside our neighbors like you.*

Mary Katherine

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### APRIL 7 – EASTER 2

What a directive for stewards we have today. “...grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith...” How is your “profess-ing” going?

### APRIL 14 – EASTER 3

Psalms 4:6 says, *Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times! Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.”* There is an old saying – “If God seems far away, guess who’s moved?” As faithful stewards, we need to learn to stay close to God, and to worship and thank Him at all times for all things. Who knows what ‘better times’ that might bring – or how we might become much more aware of the ‘light of his countenance’ in our lives.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### APRIL 7 – 2 EASTER

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

### Collect for 2 Easter

Almighty and Everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### APRIL 14 – 3 EASTER

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

## CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- \*Mail check – 21405 82<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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—International Relief
- 5<sup>th</sup> Week—Indigenous Women Support

## ST. ALBAN’S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

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| 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)  
Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm  
(Available by appointment)

## PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at [sheilahreidburn@comcast.net](mailto: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.

