

AROUND THE PARISH

June 28, 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.

NOTE: There will not be an issue of ATP on Friday, July 5. The next publication will be on Friday, July 12.

SUNDAY – June 30

Pentecost 6

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

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

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 6/29 10:00-3:00pm, Parish Hall, Private Event
- 7/1 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 7/3 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 7/4 7:00pm-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 7/5 7:00pm-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 7/13 10:30am Men's Circle Breakfast, Parish Hall
- 7/20 10:30-12:30pm, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
- 7/27 8:00am-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel Children Camp
- 8/11 Noon, Church Picnic with Templo Emanuel

PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Dear God, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your beautiful creation, from the redwood forests to the gulf stream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air. Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors – locally and globally – so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Franciscan Mission Service

INTRODUCING LUTHERAN LITURGICAL LANGUAGE

Father Greg has invited our supply pastor David Hahn to introduce Lutheran liturgical language into our worship after a few weeks of his time with us.

Starting July 7th, and through the remaining duration of Pastor David's time with us, the language change will happen. We pray this opens our ears and hearts in new and creative ways to worshiping in the Spirit of Christ. We are grateful for your willingness to experiment during this season.



Remember the special In House Food Drop Sunday, next week on Sunday July 7.

This is a chance for us to give back some of the blessings we have received. **Bring non-perishable food items to church with you next Sunday, July 7, and “drop” them on the food table in the Parish Hall.** We, each of us, can make a difference in the lives of those experiencing food shortages.

Particularly welcome at this time are quick lunch items – soup, sandwich items, peanut butter, jelly, etc. School kids are missing those lunches provided by the school districts.

Our food bank leader, Lee Forsberg, is asking for our help in providing for those in our area who are in great need of food. Lee has led us to great success in fulfilling our mission of “living out our faith in the community.”

Let's pile it on that table!

ST ALBAN'S CELEBRATION

On Saturday, June 22nd we had a great celebration of St. Alban's and the 70th Anniversary of our being recognized as a mission. Appetizers and beverages were supplied by members of the Endowment Board and Vestry. Historic scrapbooks and memories were available for browsing. A great time visiting and eating was had by the 35 attendees who participated.



MEN'S CIRCLE:

Mark **SATURDAY, July 13 at 10:30 am** on your calendar. The MEN'S CIRCLE will meet at St. Alban's Parish Hall for fellowship, support, and laughter.

The **AGENDA:**

- A light brunch: egg scramble and breakfast burrito; coffee, etc.
- Jim Gilman will reluctantly disclose two or three events that helped warp his life into the dark mystery that it is.



CHURCH PICNIC - AUGUST 11TH

Please mark your calendars for our annual picnic. This will be a special day you don't want to miss. This year we have invited Templo Emmanuel to join us so there will be a great group of people to mingle with. The food will be delicious as ever with burgers, hot dogs, salmon, and all the wonderful salads, sides, and desserts you all bring. Look for the sign-up board in the parish hall.



MINISTRY FOCUS
(What and How We Operate)

Jan Skidmore, People's Warden

Outreach Donations - The third Sunday of the month is designated for donations to outreach. Each year members choose charities that receive the money on a quarterly basis. The Outreach Donation Committee members are Mary Fowler, Connie Forsberg, Carrie Cone, and Maryellen Young.

Chase Lake Community School - We collect a large amount of school supplies each fall, provide Gift Cards at Christmas time, and have helped with the purchase

of needed equipment and donations for their backpack program.

Mission to Seafarers – We annually collect and deliver personal care items and other necessities to help the ships' crew men and women while in the Port of Seattle. They keep our global economy "afloat."



BASKET DONATIONS

This week is the last week of the **2nd Quarter** so the last opportunity to donate to Habitat for Humanity (Outreach—3rd Week) and World Vision (International Relief—4th Week). June 30th is a 5th Week and an opportunity to donate to Women's Spirit Coalition.

For the **3rd Quarter**, we will be supporting Cocoon House (Outreach—3rd Week) and World Central Kitchen (International Relief—4th Week). Our next 5th Sunday is in September.

You can donate anytime just by designating which week your donation is supporting. And the Food Bank is always the 1st week and Discretionary Fund is always the 2nd week.



INDEPENDENCE DAY – JULY 4

The American Nation is Founded

Christians have long championed justice and sound government, and opposed the twin evils of oppression on the one hand and anarchy on the other. When the United States of America won her independence and founded a new nation, she was seen by many as stepping boldly away from oppression but stopping short of anarchy.

Many American churchmen led in this struggle and on this day it seems appropriate to mention a few. Churchman Paul Revere hung his famous lantern in the tower of Christ Church, Boston, and churchman Patrick Henry delivered his renowned "Give me liberty or give me death" speech in St. John's Church,

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JUNE 30 – PENTECOST 6

The woman who in desperation believed if only she could touch Jesus she would be healed was right. Jesus saw her faith and freed her from her years of (in those days) of shameful illness. Those of us who can no longer touch Jesus in the flesh have no less claim to His promise to heal us (perhaps in a different way than we expected) – but we need to believe, believe, believe, and trust in his promises.

JULY 7 – PENTECOST 6

Mark's Gospel says Jesus ordered the disciples to take nothing for their journey – no bread, no bag, no money, no extra clothes, etc. What a venture of trust in God and other people He was asking them to begin! Our commitment to the faithful stewardship of all we have been given should seem a small task in comparison.

JULY 14 – PENTECOST 7

Ephesians says in part... "*In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace He lavished on us ...*" Can we even begin to comprehend the riches of his grace freely given to us, and if we do, will we commit to a life of service and thankfulness for those many gifts?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JUNE 30 – PENTECOST 6

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Commentary for Pentecost 6

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

JULY 7 – PENTECOST 7

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Richmond. Richard Henry Lee first proposed the Declaration of Independence and Thomas Jefferson contributed to the writing of it. George Washington, "on whose character the Revolution rested," was a staunch Episcopal churchman, as was James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution," and John Paul Jones, the "Father of the American Navy."

Many people are under the impression that our church benefited from its special relationship to the English state in colonial America. That was hardly the case. The controls imposed by the government hamstrung the church and seriously hampered her natural growth in the New World. No people had more cause to rejoice over "the inestimable blessings of religious and civil liberty" than our Anglican ancestors at the end of the American Revolution.

(Forward Movement, Calendar of Saints, 2004)

COLLECT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *BCP pg. 242*

ANONYMOUS FUN STORIES

I was in the six-item express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart, and asked sweetly, "So, which six items would you like to buy?"

The reason politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they have passed.

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Commentary for Pentecost 7

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

JULY 14 – PENTECOST 8

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Commentary for Pentecost 8

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

NOTE: Fr. Greg is currently on Sabbatical Leave. For emergency or other inquiries, please contact:
Administrative/Business: Liz Bee, Senior Warden, eabee@juno.com, 206-795-5594
Pastoral Care: Jim Gilman
Discretionary Fund: Dan Mullene, Jim Gilman
Church Office: stalbansedmonds@gmail.com or 425-778-0371

Sabbatical Pastor: Pastor David Hahn

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

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 Liz Bee at 206-795-5594.

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.

