

AROUND THE PARISH

June 7, 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 – June 9

Pentecost 3

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=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



For the **BEAUTY**
of the **EARTH**

The following is from Forward Movement publication, For the Beauty of the Earth (2018), a book of daily devotions that explore and celebrate the wonders of creation and the beauty of the Creator.

This author is Alyssa Finke, who spends her time writing, hiking, and cooking. She also enjoys a nice adventure and will cross oceans or city limit signs to have one. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, she is the marketing coordinator for Forward Movement.

As the sun rises, I thank God for another day. I thank God in the quiet moments of the morning while the sun peeks softly through the blinds, and I pad quietly around my cozy home. I feel God's grace when I sip my coffee, listening to the birds sing their morning praises.

While the sun is high, I thank God for all the blessings the light brings – whether it's during a day's work or a day's play. I am grateful for work I value alongside people I value. And on the weekends, I am grateful to spend time exploring or reading on my porch with the sun on my skin.

When the sun fades, I am thankful to have a home to return to. I say my thanks to God before I eat my dinner (perhaps on my porch too) and reflect on my day with the ones I love. As the light wanes, I cherish the time I have to read and write, to jog the streets of my beautiful neighborhood, or to spend time with friends.

As the sun surrenders to the moon, I thank God for time to rest. I am grateful for the hours of sleep that are sorely needed. I feel thankful for another good day – from sunup to sundown. I ask God to watch over me as I sleep, and I ask God to grace me with another beautiful sunrise in the morning.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 6/8 Habitat Build
- 6/9 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex (Hybrid)
- 6/10 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 6/11 5:30-8:30pm, Recital, Parish Hall
- 6/12 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, 6:30pm, Supper/Program
- 6/13 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy
- 6/14 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy
- 6/15 11:00am, Indigenous Circle, Hibalb Culture Center
1:00-5:00pm, Recital, Parish Hall
- 6/19 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 6/20 1:00-3:30pm, Small Group Mtg, Parish Hall
- 6/22 5:00-7:00pm, Celebration of St. Albans, Parish Hall
Appetizers and Beverages
- 6/23 Legacy Sunday

Prayer for Acceptance of God's Plan

Your plan for my life may not always align with my own desires and expectations. Please grant me the faith to accept your divine will, even when it leads me down unexpected paths. Help me trust that your plan is greater than my own, and that you are always working for my good. In moments of doubt, remind me that your ways are higher than mine, and I am in your loving hands. Your plan, O Lord, is the best plan, and in accepting it, I find purpose and fulfillment.

Strengthenprayer.com



!!! SOUP SUPPER DATE CHANGE !!!

The date for our June Soup Supper has been changed to the SECOND Wednesday of June— June 12.

We begin with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary (and on Facebook) at 6:00pm with supper starting at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

The evening’s guest speaker is Denise Robertson as we continue with the theme of “Getting to Know Your Neighbor in the Pew.” Denise is an active volunteer with Altar Guild, helps Phil with livestreaming services, and does many and varied tasks around the church.

Please join us for an event of fellowship and fun. If you are able and would like to contribute to supper, please bring soup, salad, bread or dessert. There is always plenty of food to go around.

The survey is available from June 3rd to June 16th. If you do not have access to a computer, there will be computers available during coffee hour and between services on Sundays, June 9th and 16th. Thanks to vestry members for assisting with this.

Here are a few things to note before starting. First, like many surveys, your responses are limited to strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree. So “I don’t know” is not an option. There are several sections to this survey, and, in the first section, it asks if “we have a vision statement.” Since we do not have a vision statement at this time, the honest answer is “disagree.”

In the financial section when it asks, “I know what our annual budget is” – if you don’t know, then an accurate response would be “disagree” which is to say, “I don’t know what our annual budget is.” It is okay to not know things or to disagree with the statements. The data we get back from the survey will be helpful in showing areas where we need to improve.

Also, you are able to start the questionnaire, stop, and then return later to complete it.

So, here is the link:

<https://www.cvatool.org/survey/take/st-albans-episcopal-church-1907/>

I do apologize to you all for the late start with this survey. It was advertised as beginning on May 29th, but due to a glitch in communication, I did not receive the link to share with you until June 3rd.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about this – eabee@juno.com – (or anything else).

P.S. Our budget for 2024 is \$173,610 for those of you who want to know.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY NEWS
Eric Hanson
The Adult Bible Study will be finishing our look at Paul's letter to the Philippians this Sunday (June 9th), after which Pastor David Hahn will be teaching the class through the end of July. We will take August off and resume after Labor Day. All are welcome.



IT'S HERE –
THE CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY
ASSESSMENT IS HERE AT LAST!

Liz Bee, Vestry Senior Warden

This is one of the things Father Greg asked us to do while he is away on sabbatical. It is a 20-minute survey for members of the congregation. The survey has been created and managed by a professional faith development company dedicated to helping churches thrive. There is no cost to us.



GREAT EPISCOPLAYERS
BROADCAST #2

Congratulations to our Episcoplayers for a second, great KLKL broadcast on Saturday evening, June 1. As before, this performance took many of us back to years ago when families gathered around the radio to listen to their favorite programs.

The audience was first treated to “Inner Sanctum,” a mystery complete with eerie, ghostly sounds, footsteps, and dramatic, suspenseful sounding music. The second broadcast brought us into the world of the lovable “My Friend Irma.” Her not-so-bright

misunderstandings and misinterpretations brought great humor and fun for the listening audience.

The broadcast was complete with commercials, weather, sports, and local Edmonds news of the day.

Hats off to all the Episcoplayers and to Jan Skidmore for their clever and entertaining presentation. Hours of preparation, planning and rehearsing went into the broadcast, and it was a delightful evening for the audience. Thanks also to Shannon Duggan for the reception afterwards and to all those who brought non-perishables for the Food Bank!



ENDOWMENT FUND

Jeannie Burpee, Endowment Board Member

Your Money or Your Life, published in 1992 and fully revised in 2018, is a book more about your values and aligning your lifestyle with those values than it is about wealth. Its purpose is to transform your relationship with money so that you can feel satisfaction and fulfillment from your connection to your family, your community, and the planet.

Authors Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin point out that our life energy is our allotment of time here on earth, the hours of precious life available to us. When we go to our jobs, we are trading our life energy for money. You pay for money with your time.

Money is important for our survival, comforts, and luxuries, and when those are met, we have enough; we are fulfilled. Consumption beyond fulfillment brings clutter.

When you have enough, you feel the satisfaction of helping others fulfill their needs and comforts. One way to do this is by contributing to the Endowment Fund “to enable St. Alban’s to more completely fulfill its mission by developing its Christian-based ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds.”

This is a message from your endowment committee which encourages you to check out **Your Money or Your Life**.

What Is Your Gazingus Pin?

A *gazingus pin* is any item that you just can’t pass by without buying. Many people have them. They run the gamut from pocket calculators and tiny screwdrivers to pens and chocolate kisses.

So, there you are in the mall or online, a shopping robot on your weekly tour of the stations of the cross. You come to the *gazingus-pin* section, and your mind starts cranking out *gazingus-pin* thoughts: Oh, there’s a pink one...I don’t have a pink one ... Oh, that one runs on solar cells ... That would be handy ... My, a waterproof one ... If I don’t use it, I can always give it away. Before you know it, an alien arm (attached to your body) has reached out and picked up the *gazingus pin*, and off you go to the checkout, still functioning like a wind-up zombie.

You arrive home with your purchase, put it in the *gazingus-pin* drawer (along with the five or ten others) and forget about *gazingus pins* until your next shopping trip, at which point you come to the *gazingus pin* section and...

(This relates to the over-consumption mentioned in **Your Money or Your Life**.)

THANK YOU! DANKE! ARIGATO!
MERCI! GRACIAS!

Jim Gilman

St. Alban’s Parishioners – you heard and answered the call to replenish the Discretionary Fund. From less than \$100 to over \$1,000, in a dramatic instant. You have helped:

- *Jennifer (homeless) with deposit for an apartment;
- *Lyle with money for gas to get to work and cell phone bill;
- *Maria with money for rent.

I’m reminded that Jesus said, "When you help any of the marginalized of society, you help me" (Matthew 25: 40-45).

Thank you for helping Jesus help those in need.

WHO IS ALBAN?

St. Alban was a nobleman in Hertfordshire, England. During a persecution, a priest fled to his house for refuge. Though a pagan, Alban took him in. He so admired the priest’s faith that he was instructed in the Faith and baptized by the priest.



Before the officers came to search his house, Alban exchanged clothing with the priest in order to allow

him to escape and continue his ministry. St. Alban was martyred in 304 and is known as the Protomartyr of England. The village where he lived is now known by his name.

We have an icon of Alban on the right side of the wall above the credence table. This icon was custom made for our church, paid for from our endowment funds and dedicated on Legacy Sunday, June 2015.

This year St. Alban's feast day, June 22, falls on Saturday. **We hope you will join us for the Celebration of St. Alban for appetizers and beverages from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.** This year we will be celebrating our 70th anniversary of being recognized as a mission by the Diocese of Olympia. Georgia LaBelle, Donna Hoffman and Phil McClelland will be sharing a few memories of our beginnings.



JOIN THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TEAM

Our Buildings & Ground Junior Warden, Phil McClelland, stands alone in this area. He is looking for parishioners who will join him as a member of the B&G Team – who would like to learn about what gets done around our church and who does what. As with our homes, the church has utilities services and contracts for services.

Phil is not looking for “worker bees” at this time (although that would be an added bonus). He is primarily interested in having other members learn and know what is necessary in maintaining our church buildings and grounds. This is not a request for you to sign up for “X” number of hours per week/month.

Please consider this request and talk to Phil McClelland for further information.



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

Lenten Series – A topic or study theme is chosen for presentations at Soup Suppers held on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

Labyrinth -The Labyrinth is available for anyone wishing to walk the labyrinth on St Alban's grounds at any time including neighbors and other visitors. Maryellen Young has set up Stations of the Cross on Good Fridays.

Rita Bennett Bequest – Faith Formation is funded by

this bequest which is earmarked for “inner healing” defined as “helping people experience the truth of their identity through a personal encounter and ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ.”

MORE SENIOR SNICKERS...

I don't have grey hair. I have wisdom highlights

We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story anyway.

It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness and I said, “No, we all seem to enjoy it.”

I see people my age mountain climbing. I feel good just getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance. Anonymous Contributor

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JUNE 9 – 3RD PENTECOST

”O God, from whom all good proceeds...” If, therefore, all the good in our lives comes from God, how can we best be grateful and thankful for our many blessings? Perhaps the Holy Habits of prayer, scripture study, active participation in our parish community, care for others, and generous giving can help us reflect that “good-ness” to others.

JUNE 16 – 4TH PENTECOST

The mustard seed – smallest of the seeds on earth. Yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes the greatest of all the shrubs and serves others as a haven. Were our lives as stewards sown as small as the mustard seed, and have they grown and blossomed as we hear God's voice, thank Him for His gifts, and seek to serve Him in others.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JUNE 9 – 3RD PENTECOST

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Collect for 3rd Pentecost

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

JUNE 16 – 4TH PENTECOST

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalms 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

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

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.

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

