

## AROUND THE PARISH

August 23, 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.

**Check out the picnic photos on Pages 5 & 6!!**



### **SUNDAY – August 25**

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

**9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom Bible Study is taking August off and will resume the first Sunday of September.**

**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**

As I mentioned last week, from September 1 – October 6, we will be joining in Episcopalians around the country and Anglicans around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation. This is not a new thing, really. This is at least the second year that the Episcopal Church has published liturgical resources for the Season; other denominations have been celebrating it for several years; the World Council of Churches has promoted it for decades; and it originated in 1989 in the Orthodox Church at the leadership of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I.

This year, we will be joining in, using alternate liturgies at both Sunday services and Evening Prayer. Actually, the liturgies have the same structure, but the wording of the prayers is different. And, as you'll remember, we have used special liturgies very similar to this on Earth Day and the Feast of St. Francis. I want to give you some examples.

Here's the Confession we'll be using.

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

At Evening Prayer services, we will be using this Profession of Faith from South India.

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**8/24 2:00pm, Eagle Scout Ceremony, PH**

**8/26 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall**

**8/28 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook**

**8/29 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary**

**8/30 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary**

**9/2 Labor Day, Office Closed**

**9/7 1:00-3:00pm, Jackie Leake Memorial**

**9/8 8:00/10:30am, Welcome Back Sunday  
6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Zoom/Annex**

**9/10 2:00-3:30pm, Altar Guild Meeting, PH**

**9/12 1:00-3:00pm, Small Group Meeting, PH**

**9/14 10:30am, Men's Circle, Parish Hall**

### **Prayer of Gratitude for Beauty of Creation**

God, our Creator of heaven and earth, how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of your creation.

We lift our prayer of gratitude as we see the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset.

We are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that are in them.

We are enchanted by the flowers and trees which are clothed by you.

We are awed by all the animals you created.

For the beauty of the earth, the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon – we give you praise.

Amen (Author Unknown)

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. *Amen.*

Here's a Collect from Ojibwe Evening Prayer (used at the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention)

*[Gichi Manidoo,]* Great Spirit God, We give you thanks for another day on this earth.

We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator.

We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycles of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. *Amen.*

This is just a sample of the rich resources provided by the Episcopal Church this year. I hope you'll find some of these prayers surprising, that you'll gain a greater appreciation of this good Earth that God has entrusted to our care, that you'll see others in a new light, and, as always, that your faith will be deepened.



### **EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY**

Please join us as we celebrate Colyn LaVergne, our 10:30am crucifer, as he receives his earned Eagle Scout badge on Saturday, August 24, 2024. The ceremony begins at 2:00pm.

### **JACKIE LEAKE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

There will be a memorial service on Saturday September 7, at 1:00pm, for our long-time friend and church member, Jackie Leake, who died on April 30, 2024. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

### **CHASE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**



Only one more week left for us to contribute to school supplies for our neighborhood school, Chase Lake. We can help some of those children get off to a good start and feel good about themselves by having their needed supplies.

If you are unable to shop for school supplies, please consider donating money to help. Please mark your check "Chase Lake." A list of the supplies requested and a bin for donations is in the Parish Hall.



### **SOUP SUPPERS RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 18**

Mark your calendars for **September 18, at 6:00pm**, for the continuing worship and fellowship of our Soup Suppers. We begin with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm, move to the Parish Hall for supper at 6:30, followed by our program.

At this September 18 gathering, there will be a presentation about the Congregational Vitality Assessment which parishioners took earlier this year. The results will give information about our congregation, what it means for our future, and what we do going forward.

Also featured at this time will be a report from Fr. Greg about his Sabbatical experience.



### **MEN'S CIRCLE NEWS**

Jim Gilman

Men's Circle meets Saturday, September 14 at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

Great conversation and Kraken good food: Eric Hanson's famous SWEDISH PANCAKES. Ufda!!!?



**ANOTHER ITEM FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Welcome Back Sunday is around the corner – September 8.**

This is our time to bid farewell to Summer and look to the church year ahead. It’s also a time when we review our many and varied ministries and activities. There is always a lot going on, some that happens out front like the Food Bank, but there is a lot happening in the background – men’s fellowship, women’s study, tutoring, volunteering, etc. Your participation in St. Alban’s activities is what makes them and us successful. All groups and committees need our participation and support. Come check it all out! Think about how you would like to be involved in our church community.

It’s important every Sunday for us to worship together and to share ourselves with each other in fellowship. We are the church!

**QR CODE FOR DONATIONS**

QR codes are everywhere. People and companies use them for all kinds of information in a manner that is quickly accessible to anyone with a smartphone. One of the uses is for URLs -- addresses of websites or specific web pages.

We have created a QR Code that will take people directly to the Giving page on our website. This code will make it easier for people who want to make a Donation using a smart phone.

Soon you will see this code.



**JULY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for July was \$14,969 compared to a budget of \$12,590 or \$2,379 over budget. Year-to-date income was \$118,740 compared to a budget of \$94,760 or \$23,980 over budget.

Expenses for July were \$16,433 compared to a budget of \$16,234 or \$199 over budget. Year-to-date expenses were \$112,826 compared to a budget of \$113,148 or (\$322) under budget. Overall, although some categories may be over budget or under budget, there are no concerns on the expense side.

On a cash flow basis, we have received **\$5,914** more than we have spent.

<b>Total Income</b>	\$118,740
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$94,760
<b>Income minus Budget</b>	\$23,980

<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$112,826
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$113,148
<b>Expenses minus Budget</b>	(\$322)



**CHASE LAKE SCHOOL KIDS NEED YOU**

Dr. Bob Chaffee

Make your faith work for the benefit of local school kids, at Chase Lake Community School—become a VOLUNTEER TUTOR.

For many of these kids English is a second language; they are often from low-income homes, families with health and medical issues, who can provide only minimal support for their children. Help bring healing and hope to them. This will be my 10<sup>th</sup> year volunteering as a tutor. It is rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable. The staff and children are quick to show their appreciation.

**STEPS TO VOLUNTEERING:**

1. Go to Edmonds School District website.
2. Click on *Community* (top of page)
3. Scroll down and click on *Volunteer*
4. Click on the blue tab and fill out the form *Safe Visitors Solutions/ Volunteer Application*

If you prefer, hard copies are on the counter in the Parish Hall.

Once approval is given and emailed to you, go to the school in person and let them know you have been approved as a volunteer tutor. With any questions, phone or text Bob Chaffee—(206) 715-6610; please leave a voice mail message. School begins soon (9/04/2024).



**PLANNED GIVING**

**A Message from the Endowment Board**

Some questions to ponder:

- Have you ever “paid it forward”? Bought coffee or paid the toll for the next person in line or given a gift to someone because someone had done the same for you? It feels good to take care of someone like that, right? A bequest is a simple, beautiful way to pay it forward for the next generation and take care of them in lasting ways.
- What are the five things that matter most to you? In addition to family, your list might include your church. Consider supporting those things that matter with a legacy gift.
- Generous living is about approaching each day with an open heart, an open mind, and an open hand. What can you do today to live more generously? What generous living choices can you make today that will make a difference in the future?



**UPDATE ON GIRL SCOUTS**

**WHO MEET AT ST. ALBAN’S – Summer 2024**

Jeannie Burpee

A Camporee weekend for two nights in June along with other Girl Scout Troops at Camp River Ranch in Carnation, Washington, culminated the activities for the year of Girl Scout Troop 46254. Nine of the thirteen rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the troop participated.

Ziplining at High Trek Adventures in Everett was the girls’ choice for use of the funds they raised at their rummage sale in the Spring. They also took part in Edmonds’ Fourth of July parade.

A representative of the troop will attend the October Vestry meeting to put a face on this group which meets during the school year in St. Alban’s Parish Hall.

**JONATHAN MYRICK DANIELS**

**Theology Student (d.1965)**

**A Martyr for Human Rights**

Nothing is as clear and as unambiguous in Holy Scripture as the teaching that it is God’s will that we love and care for one another; that the strong defend the powerless; that we “respect the dignity of every human being.” Yet, in times of stress, confusion, and crisis, few of us seem to have the time or the inclination to obey such Gospel imperatives. A bold and touching exception was found in Jonathan Daniels of Keene, New Hampshire.

In the summer of 1965, Jonathan Daniels, a student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Massachusetts, came to Alabama to help reconcile persons of different colors and secure basic human and civil rights for black citizens.

In Hayneville he was jailed for disturbing the peace, demonstrating against local racial policies. Soon released, as he stood talking to a sixteen-year-old African-American girl, a white deputy sheriff emerged from a store and pointed a gun at the girl. As the deputy fired, Jonathan pushed the girl aside and took the bullet. A Roman Catholic priest, Richard Morrisroe, standing nearby, was severely wounded by the same deputy. Jonathan died, aged twenty-six.

Years later the Bishop of Alabama would say of him, “He was not simply a civil rights worker who happened to be a Christian. He was a person whose mature formation in Christ led him to the prophetic ministry that led him to his early death.”

(Forward Movement, Calendar of Saints)

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**AUGUST 25 – PENTECOST 14**

John 6: says in part, “...no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father...”. Through our Baptism, we have been granted that supreme gift for the whole of our lives. Does the stewardship of our lives reflect our unceasing gratitude to God for His unfailing mercy to us?

## SEPTEMBER 1 – PENTECOST 15

We read in James:1, “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...” If this is true, does our giving of all things – ourselves in service to others, our financial resources to support the Church, loving responses to those around us – reflect God’s abundant giving, or our more scarcity-oriented attitudes?

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### AUGUST 25 – PENTECOST 14

1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### Collect for PENTECOST 14

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all 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 1 – PENTECOST 15

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## **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—Ukraine Refugee Offering
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

## **Photos taken by Dan Mullene**



**Chefs John Bee and Brad Goergen**



**Tamales and other delicious foods from Templo Emanuel.**



**Two of our happy Templo Emanuel members who joined the picnic.**



**Pastor Robles of Templo Emanuel getting ready.**



