

AROUND THE PARISH

August 30, 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 – September 1

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. See note below.

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

- 9/2 Labor Day, Office Closed
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 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
- 9/16 6:30pm, Worship Committee Mtg, Zoom
- 9/18 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary/Facebook
6:30pm, Soup Supper & Program

Thanksgiving for God's Creation

We humbly gather before Your divine presence, our hearts overflowing with boundless gratitude for the wondrous tapestry of creation You have lovingly woven. From the towering mountains that kiss the heavens to the delicate petals of the tiniest wildflower, every detail is a testament to Your limitless artistry. In this prayer, we offer our deepest thanks for the gift of life and the unparalleled beauty that graces our days. As we stand in awe of Your magnificent handiwork, grant us the wisdom and resolve to be faithful stewards of this incredible creation. Amen

(strengthenprayer.com)

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH

(The following article was contributed by Jeannie Burpee. It appeared in "Dragon Scoop," the newsletter of St. George's Episcopal Church in Roseburg, OR.)

EARLY PERIOD

Establishment of parishes in North America began to spread steadily following the first recorded celebration of Holy Communion in the New World in 1607 in Jamestown, Virginia. (In 1579 Sir Francis Drake and his crew gave thanks to God in the San Francisco Bay area using the 1559 prayer book.)

During the American Revolution, northern clergy tried to maintain ties with the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) and to support England, while those in the South tended to be more sympathetic to the Revolution.

After the war, support for the SPG was cut off, and public support of churches was withdrawn because of the newly accepted principle of separation of church and state.

ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD

By 1784, most states agreed on the need to

1. draft a binding constitution for the whole church;
2. revise the English Book of Common Prayer to make it appropriate for use in the American church; and
3. obtain consecration of bishops in Apostolic Succession to give the American Church proper episcopal oversight and ministry.

However, the church leaders were split on the position that organization of the American Church could proceed without bishops in Apostolic Succession.

On March 25, 1783, ten Connecticut clergy elected Samuel Seabury as their bishop. Seabury traveled to England, but English canon law prevented the consecration of any clergyman who would not take the Oath of Allegiance to the English Crown. Seabury then sought consecration in the Scottish Episcopal Church, where he was ordained on November 14,

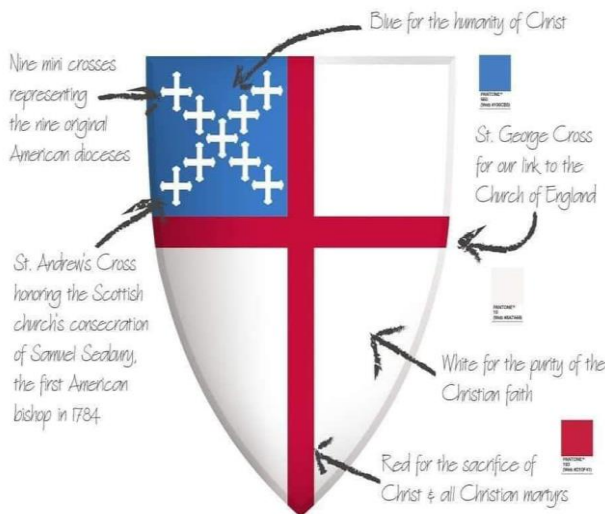
1784, in Aberdeen. Thus, Seabury became the first bishop of the American Episcopal Church.

By 1786, English churchmen had helped change the law so the Church of England could offer episcopal consecration to those churches outside England.

An assembly of the American Church met in Philadelphia in 1789 to unify all Episcopalians in the United States into a single national church. A constitution was adopted along with a set of canon laws. The English Book of Common Prayer was revised (principally in removing the prayer for the English monarch). This first American Book of Common Prayer was based mostly on the English Book of Common Prayer of 1662. Its consecration prayer was based on the Scottish Book of Common Prayer of 1764.

The new constitution provided for annual diocesan conventions with the bishop of the diocese as presiding officer. A national General Convention was established, composed of two legislative houses, modeled after the United States Congress.

(from www.episcopalchurch.org)



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Eric Hanson leads the Adult Bible Study group at **9:15am each Sunday**. The group has been on a short vacation and returns on **Sunday, September 8**, in the Annex and on Zoom. The study feature will be the Book of Common Prayer. Following is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst



WELCOME BACK SUNDAY!!

Join us in bidding farewell to Summer and looking forward to church life in the Fall.

Liz Bee, Senior Warden

Come on back to church on **Sunday, September 8th, at 8:00am or 10:30am.**

We'd love to hear about your adventures this summer. There will be yummy goodies at coffee hour and lots of folks around sharing about how you can be involved with our ministries. St. Alban's needs everyone helping in some way to keep us moving forward. You are important to us all.

MEMORIAL FOR JACKIE LEAKE, SEPTEMBER 7

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, September 7th, at 1:00pm for longtime friend and member Jackie Leake who died on April 30, 2024. A reception will follow the service. Please join us as we celebrate the life of Jackie, our sister in Christ.

CELEBRATING BISHOP SKELTON

There will be a Celebration of Bishop Skelton's ministry at Saint Mark's Cathedral, 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle, on **September 1, 4:30pm – 6:30pm**. This will be a Choral Evensong with Gift Presentation and a reception to follow. The Officiant is The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason, Cathedral Dean, and our Bishop-Elect, and The Rev. Dr. Philip N. LaBelle will preach. The event will be live-streamed at <https://saintmarks.org/worship/live-stream/>

SCHOOL IS STARTING SEPTEMBER 4!

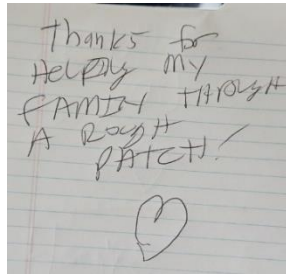
Local schools resume classes on Wednesday, September 4th. Please be aware of excited students, blurry eyed parents, and an influx of buses! This week and next will be a major adjustment as Summer's "scheduleness" transforms into the Academic Year's predictability. For Edmonds drivers, remember 20 mph speed limit is photo enforced near schools.

BLESSINGS PANTRY

Just a Simple Note with an Important Story

Dan Mullene

Sometimes, just a few words can tell you an entire story. This photo is an example. This is a note left on the door of our Blessings Pantry located outside the north side of St. Alban's.



A simple thank you from a neighbor for providing food to help a family enduring a "rough patch," a simple idea brought alive by Theresa and Clark Chase, supported by Fr. Greg, responding to the food insecurity right outside our church doors.

Theresa and Clark continue to weekly restock the Pantry with food they buy. We are also using food from our donation table inside to replenish it. And I am sure that others are adding to it when they can.

What did Christ say in Matthew 25:40? "I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me."

What better way to show our love for Him – and our community -- than by continuing to support the Blessings Pantry, our regular food drives, and the monthly parking lot Food Bank distribution by contributing food and money to help address this basic need.

Please continue to bring your donations and your contributions, so that somewhere in our neighborhood a family will have something to eat on their table tonight. It's the least we can do.

The second Wednesday of the month, Jim Gilman works with the Edmonds Food Bank on food distribution in our parking lot. Some Food Bank users who come on this day also utilize our Blessings Pantry.

Listed below are some suggestions from those who use our Pantry:

- *Shelf stable yogurt pouches
- *Toilet paper
- *Peanut butter crackers
- *Slider buns
- *Better than Bouillon--beef, vegetable, chicken
- *Kids cereal, less sugar
- *Kindergarten school supplies
- *Fruit--apples, celery, potatoes

And here is another thank you note that was left:

"Thank you so much" Myrianda, Colin (8), Mason (5).



MEN'S CIRCLE NEWS

Jim Gilman

The **MEN'S CIRCLE** is inviting **WOMEN** to its next Circle meeting on **Saturday, September 14, at 10:30am**, in the Parish Hall.

Our Guest Speaker will be Rick Rouse, retired pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. Topic: **White Christian Nationalism**. Ladies, please **TEXT** (not phone) Harvey Smith at 425-248-0518. Our chef Eric Hanson needs to know how many **Swedish Pancakes** to plan for.



SOUP SUPPERS RETURN SEPTEMBER 18

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

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



A whole trunk full!!

CHASE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thanks to all who donated school supplies for Chase Lake Community School. It looks like we had lots of fun shopping for students at our neighborhood school. In addition to all of the supplies, we also are donating \$290 to give to the school to purchase other needed

supplies. Thanks to Jeannie Burpee and Reilly Mannery, who delivered the supplies to the school in time for the start of school.

The school personnel were very excited to see all of these donations!



CHASE LAKE SCHOOL KIDS NEED YOU!!

Dr. Bob Chaffee

You can put your faith to work for the benefit of our local school kids at Chase Lake Community School by becoming a volunteer. 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. It is rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable.

VOLUNTEER by picking up an application on the counter in the Parish Hall; complete the short application and turn it into Chase Lake School. Or you can find the application form at Chase Lake Community School. Once approval is given/emailed to you, go to the school in person and let them know you have been approved as a volunteer tutor. Any questions, phone or text Bob Chaffee—(206) 715-6610; please leave a voicemail message. School begins next week on September 4, 2024.



CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

Last week's Around the Parish (August 23, 2024) included an article from Fr. Greg about joining with Episcopalians around the country and Anglicans around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation.

We will be joining in, using alternate liturgies at both Sunday services and Evening Prayer. The liturgies have the same structure, but the wording of the prayers is different.

Printed in last week's ATP is the Confession we will be using, as well as the Profession of Faith from South India and a Collect from Ojibwe which will be used at Evening Prayer. There are other rich resources provided by the Episcopal Church this year that will be used over the next few weeks.

LiVe'S "FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE COURSE"

7 Week Zoom Course

Wednesdays, 7:00pm – September 18-October 30

Through a variety of voices, disciplines and topics, the course will explore what it means for God to call us in the Gospel to a public witness as people of faith today. Each week you will hear from guest faculty from a variety of backgrounds. Register at

www.lutheransnw.org/events/faith-in-public-life/2024-09-18.

THE ORDINATION & CONSECRATION OF THE REV. DR. PHILIP LaBELLE - Sept 14

God willing and the people consenting, The Rev. Dr. Philip Noah LaBelle will be ordained and consecrated as ninth bishop of the Diocese of Olympia on **Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 11:00am, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue**. Everyone in the Diocese is invited!

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church will be the chief consecrator. Co-consecrators of Record are The Most Rev. Melissa M. Skelton and the Rt. Rev. Carol J.W.T. Gallager. The Rev. Pamela L. Werntz will preach. The newly ordained bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, The Rev. Dr. Philip N. LaBelle will preside at the Eucharist. Reservations are not required, but your RSVP will help those planning at :

<https://ecww.org/ordination-consecration-general-rsvp/>



RED BOX QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Jan Skidmore, People's Warden

1. Apologies for the delay in responding to the parishioner who made this request:

Info before Sunday Lessons -- "Totally appreciate the info before the lessons. Gives background and and/or understanding to what is happening. Can it continue?" Several people have agreed with this request. I finally discovered that David Hahn provided that information each week. I contacted David and requested he provide the source of the information, which he did. The website is a subscription type which means a fee is charged. I asked Eric Hansen to evaluate the website as a free trial is offered. He previously had asked Jeannie Wells to check out a website that would provide the needed history

information. I will follow up with Eric and Jeannie on their results and will provide those results via ATP when available. I, too, hope we can continue providing the history info with the lessons.

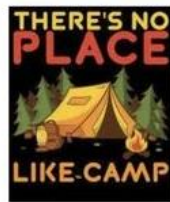
2. Hosting AA Meetings -- The Vestry wishes to thank the parishioner who encouraged our hosting AA meetings. The Vestry will follow up with any meeting requests we receive.

CEDAR & SOUND COMMUNITY CAMP SERVICE UNIT 245

Jeannie Burpee

Cedar & Sound Community Camp Service Unit 245 is included in the Prayers of the People on Sunday mornings. Here's some information about who they are and what they do.

Planning a week long summer overnight camping session for 2nd to 12th grade girls at Camp Lyle McLeod is the project of the volunteers of Cedar & Sound Community Camp Service Unit 245 who meet in St. Alban's Parish Hall once a month from January to June and again in August. Service Unit 245 is one of six Service Units each of which use Camp McLeod located on Lake Bennettsen near Belfair, WA, for one week in the summer. Girls, both Girl Scouts and non-Scouts, from Lynnwood and Edmonds and parts of North Shoreline, Bothell, Mill Creek, and Mukilteo attend the camp the week following Independence Day.



The girls arrive by car to be assigned to units according to grade level. All units are located around the lake and range from an indoor unit to open-air cabins and tents. Girl Scout programs are provided through swimming, boating, crafts, nature, archery, singing and skits, cooking, and Girl Scout ceremonies. Around 140 girls attend each session. For 10th to 12th grade girls there's the opportunity to be a LIT (Leader in Training.)

Jennifer Page, co-director, camp name "Pippin," gave thanks for the in-kind donation of meeting space for their volunteer group. She commented that scholarships are offered for those who cannot otherwise afford to come to camp. "We want all young youth to be able to take advantage of our magical week of camping in the woods."



CONGRATUATIONS TO EAGLE SCOUT COLYN LaVERGNE



Colyn's official Eagle Scout pinning by his mother at the ceremony on August 24.



Colyn's family received special Eagle Scout pins from Colyn in appreciation for their support and encouragement.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Collect for Pentecost 15

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

SEPTEMBER 8 – PENTECOST 16

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

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?

SEPTEMBER 8 – PENTECOST 16

Part of Mark’s Gospel deals with the healing of the deaf man. The phrase Jesus uses is *“Ephphatha,”* which translates as *“be opened.”* Perhaps this phrase should be part of our prayer as stewards. Do we have faith enough to ask God to help us be open with all our lives and resources as a joyful response to His gifts, which are indeed too many to number.

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” – of use pictured QR code



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 Greg

Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

GREG’S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, 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)

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.

