

AROUND THE PARISH

October 25, 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 – October 28

In today's service and in remembrance of Jesus' healing Bartimaeus, we are offering a time of prayers for healing after each service.

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



At our Stew Fest on October 16th, Stewardship Chair Debby Wilson opened the gathering with this prayer from Christine Sine's book "Gift of Wonder." It reminds all of us to pause in gratitude for who God is, even in difficult spaces. We hope this helps you to pause and be thankful too!

"Thank you Lord,
that in a world filled with hatred,
we worship a God of love,
in a world overrun by violence,
we believe in a God of peace,
in a world consumed by despair,
we embrace a God of hope.
Thank you Lord,
that in a world afraid of scarcity,
we follow a God of abundance,
in a world full of abuse,
we trust in a God of justice.
Thank you Lord,
for your presence in us and around us,
for all you are and will always be,
for all you call us to be.
Thank you Lord, for you."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 10/26 8:00am-4:30pm, Convention, Tacoma
- 10/28 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 10/29 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
- 10/30 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube
- 10/31 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 11/1 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 11/2 9:00-1:00pm, Boy Scouts Grounds Cleanup
1:00-3:00pm, Episcoplayers Meeting
- 11/3 ALL SAINTS DAY/PLEDGE INGATHERING
- 11/5 ELECTION DAY
- 11/9 10:30am, Men's Circle, Parish Hall
1:00-3:00pm, Episcoplayers Meeting
- 11/10 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Hybrid
- 11/16 10:30am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall

INGATHERING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

You have received a letter from Liz Bee, Vestry Senior Warden, along with a pledge card for this year's "The Way of Love" campaign. Our annual Ingathering of Pledges will be Sunday, November 3, at both services.

Please bring your pledge card to church to be placed on the altar. Your contributions enable us to continue our ministries and mission. Pledge cards already received by mail will also be placed on the altar.

We will also be sharing ways we "Walk in Love" by writing on footprints to be handed out at church. These footprints are also part of our offering and will be displayed.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 3

Every day of the month can be "Food Bank Day," but the first Sunday of each month is designated as our official Outreach.

Many of our parishioners frequently bring donations to the food bank gathering table in the Parish Hall during each month, contributing both food items and money. We are a very generous congregation and

continue to bless many people and organizations with our support.

Part of our gratitude for God's blessings to us is to share those blessings with our neighbors. It is joyful for all of us to see our donations at the foot of the altar and know we are serving God by serving others.

To donate money, you can place your donation in the basket offering on the 1st Sunday of the month or donate at any time by indicating "Food Bank" on your donation. Monetary donations are sent to the Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace food banks.



Receiving Love

Author and Motivational Speaker, Brian Tracy, is noted to have said, "we should 'always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.'"

Even as I have received, it is my endeavor never to forget. It is to this end, therefore, that I pen this reflection of a wonderful church community in Akron, Ohio in which I have seen ways of walking in love manifested –Church of Our Saviour Episcopal – and how they have been there for me during my times of need. In thinking of the benevolence of this great congregation, my mind reflects immediately upon three specific occasions in my life:

The first incident I recall, which was probably the most impactful to me, was when I suffered a house fire in the fall of 2018 and lost everything. This beloved church came to my immediate assistance providing me with the necessary sustenance that I needed. In addition to the basic needs, one of the families in the church graciously welcomed me into their home until I was able to get back on my feet and secure a place of my own. Further, I received a number of gift cards and care packages containing many useful items; all because the congregation had a heart to help. For this I will ever be immensely grateful.

Secondly, I recall the kidney transplant that I received in April of 2021 after having been on dialysis since 2006 (a fifteen-year period of time). Church of Our Saviour and its beloved Rector, The Rev Debra Q. Bennett, was always there to check on my well-being. During my weeks of recovery, I received many calls from the church to ascertain if I had need of anything. I think Mahatma Gandhi got it right when he said: "The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand hearts bowing in prayer." Or

as we read in scripture, "faith without works is dead." - James 2:17

Finally, I think of the ongoing love that the church displays on a monthly basis in reaching out to the community with its Dinner-On-Us and Friendly Clothes Closet where it provides a hot meal and also free clothing to those who have need. I have benefited from both of these, and it only reminds me that just as I have been blessed, I must also be willing to help someone else who may be in need. | TEBS.org

Questions for Reflection:

- How has your walk in love been changed by the love you have been shown?

Derwood Fitzgerald Lockett thanks his church: Our Saviour, Akron, Ohio, for demonstrating the Grace of God – truly showing how it is manifested. "I remain completely astounded by their love and largesse!"

WHAT DOES "WALKING IN LOVE" MEAN

"Walking in love" means living our lives in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ, who commanded us to love one another as He has loved us.

It means treating others with kindness, compassion, and respect, regardless of their background, beliefs, or actions.

Choosing to walk in love means putting the needs of others before our own and seeking to build meaningful and authentic relationships based on love and understanding.

It means forgiving others and seeking reconciliation when conflicts arise.

It means actively demonstrating love through our words and actions, showing generosity, empathy, and selflessness.

Walking in love requires us to have a genuine concern for the well-being of others and to actively seek opportunities to serve and uplift those around us.

To walk in love means reflecting the love of God in all that we do.

(Daily Effective Prayer)

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, October 27, our Adult Bible Study class will begin a new topic – The Book of Ezekiel. The class is held every Sunday in the Annex and on Zoom at 9:15am. You are invited to join the group either in person or on Zoom.



**CHASE LAKE CHRISTMAS
GIFT CARD DONATIONS**

Our congregation is very generous in support of Chase Lake Community School.

Several years ago, Jim Nichols initiated our Chase Lake Christmas Card Drive for the benefit of the school’s families. Holidays can be very difficult for families who live below the poverty line.

Gift cards from Fred Meyer or Winco enable families to purchase food, clothes, gifts, etc. These gift cards will be included in Christmas baskets given by the school to families in December.

Please donate gift cards by **Sunday, December 1st**. Gift cards received after that date will be used for families as needed.

Our preference is to receive gift cards that can be directly given to the school. You can also donate money. Designate your donation as “Chase Lake” on the memo line of your check. You can also put cash in an envelope and label the envelope “Chase Lake.” Place your name on the envelope so we can give you credit for your contribution.



SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for September was \$22,737 compared to a budget of \$12,909 or \$9,828 over budget. Year-to-date income was \$152,197 compared to a budget of \$119,050 or \$33,147 over budget. Contributions are ahead of budget because: large, unexpected contributions from a small number of people, a few people are exceeding their pledges, and we received a large pledge in September covering the entire year.

Expenses for August were \$15,518 compared to a budget of \$13,658 or \$1,860 over budget. Year-to-date expenses were \$142,645 compared to a budget of \$142,053 or \$592 over budget. Overall,

although some categories may be over budget or under budget, there are no concerns on the expense side and nothing changed from previous reports. On a cash flow basis, we have received \$9,552 more than we have spent.

As a reminder, even as we compare income and expenses to our budget, we did budget for a net annual budget deficit of about \$30,000 for the year, but based on year-to-date figures, our deficit should be considerably less.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on October 30th to review year-to-date results and start planning for the 2025 budget. If you are responsible for a budget category, please submit any requests for changes for the upcoming year as soon as possible. If you are interested in serving on the Finance Committee, please contact Maryellen Young, Treasurer: maryelleny@comcast.net or 425-776-2461.

Total Income	\$152,197
Budget Income	\$119,050
Income minus Budget	\$33,147
Total Expenses	\$142,645
Budget Expenses	\$142,053
Expenses minus Budget	\$592



GIRL SCOUT TROOP AT ST.ALBAN’S

Jan Skidmore, People’s Warden

Girl Scout Troop #300 meets two times a month here at St Alban’s. Amanda Cole, leader of the group, had requested an opportunity for herself and some of the Scouts to attend a Vestry meeting to share information of what the girls have been doing and to express their appreciation to St Alban’s for providing a meeting place for them.

Amanda, along with Alexia, Bitania, Julia and Siena arrived promptly at our October 14th Vestry Meeting. The girls took turns sharing information about their activities and events, then expressing their gratitude and the reasons for their enthusiasm in having a “home” here. Quotes: “It is much better than the library!” and “There is a bathroom for us to use instead of having to wait until we get home!”

They ended their presentation by asking the Vestry members what they could do here at St Alban's to be of service to our congregation.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

During October and through November 13, St. Alban's will again be participating in the Mission to Seafarers Drive. Ditty Bag Stuffing Day is Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 10:00am – noon, at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church.

Volunteers are needed to make the "ditty bags" and to provide the items requested for the seamen and seam women who are visiting the Port of Seattle. A list of the donations requested is in the Parish Hall.

If you have questions, please contact one of our co-chairs: Averil Nicewarner – ((301) 310-3165), averil.personal@gmail.com or Janet Niece – (206) 949-7335, liliasyetta@hotmail.com.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

OCTOBER 27 – PENTECOST 23

Mark tells us that Bartimaeus had faith that Jesus could heal him. The disciples tried to shoo him away, but he was persistent, and Jesus answered his plea. What is it in our lives that blinds us, and lets us shoo ourselves away from believing in, and accepting the grace and mercy of our God? As Stewards with restored vision, we can serve in ways that are yet unknown to us if we pray for our own blindness to be healed!

NOVEMBER 3 – PENTECOST 24

The Summary of the Law says it all...love God with all your heart, mind and soul, and your neighbor as yourself. It seems like such an insurmountable task. Who could possibly do this adequately? But as some

of the 12-Step groups say, "We're striving for progress, not perfection." God knows we can't possibly completely attain these goals, but he is honored and satisfied if our efforts are reflected in a life lived in faith, gratitude for his gifts and loving service to others.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OCTOBER 27 – PENTECOST 23

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Collect for Pentecost 23

Almighty and Everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

NOVEMBER 3 – PENTECOST S4

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach

4th week—International Relief

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. 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.

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-
or use pictured QR code

