

AROUND THE PARISH

August 27, 2021

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 ACTIVITIES

Sunday Eucharist on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am

8/29 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services
for those fully vaccinated.

Rev. Terry Kylo, presiding

Zoom Coffee Hour, 12:00pm, through August
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664979605?pwd=aEFjOHkYeHkwSEJQOXY1UjBCSElJZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6497 9605 Passcode **Coffee**

8/29 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm

NOTE: If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on the Facebook link.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

8/30 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall

9/1 Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook

9/2 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary

9/3 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex

9/11 Drive By Food Drive, 10:00am-2:00pm

9/11 Eagle Scout Ceremony, 2:00-9:00pm, PH and Sanctuary

9/12 WELCOME BACK PICNIC

ALSO COMING IN SEPTEMBER:

Sunday Adult Bible Study, Sept 12, 9:15am

Soup Suppers/Program, Sept 15, Evening

Prayer at 6:00pm, Program at 6:30pm

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- Mail check to church
21405-82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
- Drop off through the slot in Greg's door.
- Bank Bill Pay – ask bank to send check to St. Alban's

Online go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org
and click on "Donate Now."



ST. ALBAN'S YouTube CHANNEL

There is an alternative option for viewing our Worship services, and you now have two options for your viewing: Facebook or YouTube. In the center of our website front page, there is a link to YouTube, pictured above. If you have problems with Facebook, try YouTube.



Our dear sister, Lorrie Pruitt, died on Monday, August 23. Lorrie had been in assisted living for some time, and in hospice care for the last few months.

Lorrie has been a prominent figure at St. Alban's for many years, participating in numerous missions and committees. A project dear to Lorrie's heart was the resettlement of refugees escaping the brutal Khmer Rouge regime in the aftermath of military activities in neighboring Cambodia during the Vietnam War. Thanks to Lorrie, St. Alban's sponsored two large families from Cambodia and individuals helped to sponsor three other families. They all have thrived and remember Lorrie with gratitude and great affection.

Lorrie did not wish to have a funeral service, so we will have a festive Eucharist celebrating her, her life and her ministries. This will take place on September 19 at our 10:30am service.

Please keep Lorrie and her family in your prayers. She will be greatly missed. What a wonderful reunion she must have had with her precious and faithful companion Helki!



COME ONE, COME ALL

It's picnic time – Sunday, September 12 – is the date for St. Alban's Welcome Back Picnic!

This picnic will be a little different – but what isn't these days!! The main dishes will be provided by St. Alban's. If parishioners would like to contribute "side dishes" that can be served with toothpicks – dishes that do not require us serving ourselves from a common dish – would be welcome. Chips and drinks will be provided. You can

also contribute to offset the cost of foods provided, if desired.

The picnic will be outside, in the south parking lot, under the eaves. If the weather is less desirable, some of us could move indoors, in which case masks will need to be worn when not eating. The picnic will be held at the conclusion of our 10:30am service, and the 8:00am service will be held as usual. Please join us for the picnic even if you don't attend the service.

Stay tuned for more information, and plan on joining us for the return of our Church Picnic. Our St. Alban's celebration in early August was a great event, and we are hoping this one will be even greater! Everyone attending was delighted to be together with "old" friends and church family.



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

St. Alban's Adult Bible Study Class will resume on **Sunday, September 12, at 9:15am**. It will be a hybrid gathering – those who can come to church will meet in the Annex; those who cannot attend in person will be able to participate on Zoom.

Class Leader Eric Hanson has selected Genesis as the next book of the bible to be studied. The Zoom link is:

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

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst



SEPTEMBER FOOD BANK DRIVE BY

Another Drive By Food Bank is scheduled for **Saturday, September 11, from 10:00-2:00pm**. All donations of non-perishable foods, baby and/or pet food is very much needed by our neighbors. Cash donations, of course, are always welcome!

We have received wonderful neighborhood support with our food drives. Many of them are repeat donors who look forward to not only helping out, but chatting with our super volunteers. Lee

Forsberg is instrumental in the food drives, and he always appreciates each parishioner's help on collection days.



HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate \$488 to Episcopal Relief and Development designated for emergency assistance to help people in Haiti in the wake of the devastating earthquake from donations received this past week.



"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

Published by Forward Movement, this is a book of daily devotions with contributions from parents, priests, farmers, scientists, musicians, teachers and bishops offering reflections that explore and celebrate the wonders of creation and the beauty of the Creator.

The following was written by Jason Leo, an Episcopal priest who serves as missionary for congregational vitality for the Diocese of Southern Ohio. His vocational career has carried him across oceans, up mountain sides, and all the way back home to the Ohio Valley, where he lives with his wife and their three children.

When the bishop assigned me to serve in a small farming community, I followed another priest who had been there for more than thirty years. He left a note on the altar indicating that he used the same prayer every Sunday when people brought the bread and wine forward before Holy Communion. The prayer went something like this:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you, fruit of the earth, and work of human hands. It will become for us the bread of life. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the

wine we offer you, fruit of the vine, work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

I initially decided to use the prayer as a way to ease the congregation's transition to a new priest. Eventually, I thought, I'll switch to something else. But over time, I saw how much this prayer resonated with the congregation – not because it reminded them of their previous priest, but because they were *in* the prayer. Their lives were the bread and wine made in partnership with God each and every day. The God of all creation was relying on them to make food and drink, and they were relying on God to provide the ingredients. It was an amazing partnership to witness, a life abundant and beautiful, and at the same time hard and rough. The prayer was their journey through this side of the kingdom.



PRESCHOOLERS ARE BACK TOO!

West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool will be returning to the Sunday School building in early September. Their schedule at St. Alban's is Monday – Thursday from 9:00am-3:30pm, and on Friday from 9:00am-12:00pm.

For everyone's safety, please be on the lookout for our young children, their parents, for extra cars in the parking lot, and pick-ups and drop-offs.

FOOD BANK GRATITUDE

Dear St. Alban's Episcopal Church,

Your wonderfully caring and generous support over the many years has been of immense assistance to the hungry of our community. Without such help as yours, we wouldn't be able to reach the many we currently do. This broad-based effort exists because of the heartfelt concern felt by you and others. You ease their burdens as well as nourish their bodies.

May you know that all is received with profound gratitude by them, and by us. Thank you so very much for the blessing you are to us all!

Your friends at Edmonds Food Bank



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTION

The following reflection was written by Adam Trambley who is a priest in Sharon, PA, and is co-editor of *Acts to Action: The New Testament's Guide to Evangelism and Mission* published by Forward Movement.

Psalm 1:3 – They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, everything they do shall prosper.

Early in my ministry, I was led to Psalm 1. Since then, verse three has become a touchstone for me, providing hope and confidence through the vicissitudes of ministry.

The vision of a tree by a river is one of great strength, beauty and vitality. How good to root deeply into the scriptures and the way of Jesus for nourishment and to turn those blessings into fruit and shade for others. In demanding times, that structure of support deep below the surface allows trees to endure.

Whether I see it today or not, faithful ministry will bear fruit in God's time. Whether I am afraid or not, the leaves that allow me to feel the warmth of God's light do not wither. Whether or not I complete all the objectives I set for the month, God will use what I offer to accomplish his purposes for the kingdom. Even in the barren seasons, the psalm promises a grounding in God that allows me to endure and thrive and make a difference.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg





From Dave Wilson

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

They say we can have gatherings of up to 8 people without issues. I don't know 8 people without issues.

We should train all Amazon drivers to give the vaccine. The whole population would be immunized by Saturday. Thursday if you've got prime.

Apparently, it's only appropriate to say, "Look at you! You got so big!" to children. Adults tend to get offended.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

AUGUST 29 – 14 PENTECOST

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, our loving responses to those around us – reflect God's abundant giving, or more scarcity-oriented attitudes?

SEPTEMBER 5 – 15 PENTECOST

Part of Mark's Gospel deals with the healing of the deaf man. The phrase Jesus uses is "Ephphata" 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?

READINGS

AUGUST 29 – 14 PENTECOST

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

August 29 – Collect

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 5 – PENTECOST 15

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Outreach – Pathways for Women
4th week—Capital Improvements
5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

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

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make appointment.
- Wear a mask.

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
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)