

AROUND THE PARISH

September 17, 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

9/19 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services
for those fully vaccinated.

9/19 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

Zoom Coffee Hour, 12:00pm, through October

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664979605?pwd=aEFjOHkyeHkwSEJQOXY1UjBCSElJZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6497 9605 Passcode Coffee

9/19 Taizé Live, 7:00pm (see article)

9/19 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.



By Father Greg

Before I get to the report from the Vestry, a quick reminder that this Sunday, September 19, at the 10:30am service we will be celebrating Lorrie Pruitt. Some of her family and friends will be here with us. As always, everyone will be observing Pandemic precaution norms – fully vaccinated, masked, and distanced.

Now for the Vestry Report. Our meeting on Tuesday, September 14, was very productive. We haven't met since late July, so we had a little more to catch up on than usual. Here's the list:

Joint Use Agreements with West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool (WECP) and Templo Emanuel: Our contract team, made up of vestry and non-vestry members, presented renewed joint use agreements for both of these groups who use our facilities. The Preschool began their classes last Monday and Templo Emanuel has been back worshiping since July. It's so good to have the vitality of these groups and our facilities being more fully used.

Use of our Facilities by Outside groups: We had a lengthy discussion about resuming the use of our facilities by outside groups. It was agreed that we could begin letting outside groups use our facilities providing they adhered to the health and safety standards we have put in place for ourselves, Templo Emanuel, and the Preschool. To be especially clear about these requirements, the Vestry tasked the staff (Jeannie Wells and Greg Peters), in consultation with the medical professionals in our congregation, with reviewing, updating, and publishing these precautions and procedures.

Safeguarding God's Children and People Training: By Diocesan and Congregational standards, the vestry, staff, parishioners who minister to/with children, and everyone with a key to our buildings is required to take

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/20 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall

9/22 Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook

9/23 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary

9/24 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex

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."

Join us on Sunday, September 19, at the 10:30am service as we celebrate and honor the life and ministries of LORRIE PRUITT. We will be joined by her family, including Sarun, the Cambodian man Lorrie sponsored and brought into her own home, and his wife Huong. (See separate article for memorial donation information.)

and have current training and certification in the Safeguarding Trainings. They are available online. The vestry and staff are all up to date and encourage others who are required to ensure that they are current and, as quickly as possible, to (re)take the training if they are not. This is a great way of fulfilling the second great commandment – to love your neighbor as yourself, and to demonstrate the great hospitality of our congregation to all who enter our doors.

Budget: Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the frugality of our ministry leaders and staff, and everyone working to be good stewards of our expenses, our current financial situation looks really good. We are very close to having a balanced budget. And it's not like we have been doing nothing. For just one example, Phil has been busy addressing deferred maintenance projects, building up our audio-visual equipment, and moving forward in keeping the buildings and grounds in good shape – none of this is cheap, but still our expenses are well under budget. See Maryellen's report for the details. But let me just say how thankful I am to you all for your generosity, stewardship, and diligence.

The Ethiopian Church: As you will remember, some months ago, we were approached by a local church looking for a place to worship. That church ministers to recent immigrants from Ethiopia and east Africa and our vestry and staff worked hard to find ways for us to be able to welcome them. They would have worshipped late Sunday afternoons/evening, but they have since found another location that was able to accommodate them at a better time. I really appreciate how welcoming and adaptable our community was in trying to make this work. It was a wonderful example of hospitality. But I am also glad that they found the other location that better met their needs.

Lastly, looking ahead in our worship lives: Michaelmas (the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels) falls on Wednesday this year. In the past couple of years we have observed this feast day by bringing in angels that we may have in our homes (pictures, icons, statues). This year, you are invited to do that on the Sundays preceding and following the actual feast day. Those are **September 26 and October 3**. Our Evening Prayer on Michaelmas Day will be a bit more festive than usual.

October 3 is also the day we will observe the Feast of St. Francis, so look for how we will bless our pets and celebrate with All Creation the love of God for all of us.



LORRIE PRUITT INGATHERING

We will have a special ingathering on September 19 in memory of Lorrie Pruitt, her life and her ministries. Two organizations were especially important to Lorrie: Refugee Resettlement Office and Canine Companions for Independence.

If you would like to make a donation to help support Afghanistan refugees in memory of Lorrie, please designate your contribution “Refugee.”

If you would like to make a donation to support Canine Companions for Independence, designate your offering as “Service Dog.”

Or if you would like your donation split between these two organizations, designate your offering as “Both.”

You can also mail your donation or donate online from our website using the “Memorials” option. Please indicate the desired designation on the memo line of your check or in the box next to the amount donated for online giving.



DRIVE BY FOOD BANK GENEROSITY

Lee Forsberg

We had a super day on Saturday, September 11, with our food bank drop. To begin with the weather was on our side and it was nice to be outside. The crew was wonderful to people who stopped by to see us, and that helps our shining in the neighborhood. Fr. Greg and his daughter Sarah stopped by, which made the day even nicer.

We collected 903 pounds of food and \$451 in cash donations. The great thing is that we were doing God's

Work! Regardless of how great we feel about all of the goodness of the day, the people who can put some of this food on their table will be so happy. We can take great pride in helping those who are unable to fully provide for themselves and their families.

There were super friends and parishioners working together for this food drive, and they too were having a good time. Several brought “greeter dogs” to help us celebrate. Super job, crew! You are the best, as are all those who donated to the cause. Hats off to you, and accept my greatest thanks!!

Special thanks to those who brought snacks and food to keep the crew happy, to Shannon, Jim and to Phil and his trailer!



RETURN OF PARISH PICNIC

After missing two summer picnics in the park due to Covid restrictions, we were finally able to have the fellowship of a parish picnic. About 30 congregation members attended, and it was truly a great time to meet and catch up with our parish family members.

The food was wonderful!! Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, chips, cookies and various drinks were provided. Delicious teriyaki chicken wings were contributed, as well as bags of veggies and several cheeses. Topping it all off was salmon cooked on the barbeque. Chef Dan Mullene did most of the cooking, many hands did the serving, and everyone present was very content with yummy picnic food. Our Hospitality ladies, Wendre Vaughn and Maisy Hochstetler, were also front and center throughout the afternoon.

Following the picnic, parishioners gathered in the Parish Hall to hear various ministry leaders share information about their ministry and the volunteer opportunities available to parishioners. All of our groups are in need of assistance – layreaders, hospitality, and altar guild. These groups welcome “part time” help – reading lessons perhaps once a month, helping at coffee hour with donations or clean-up following coffee, or an occasional extra hand to help clear the altar area following communion. Your 10-15 minutes of assistance can make every task easier – and fellowship with another parish family member is the bonus!



Susan Hanson, Vestry Senior Warden

After frenzied bidding, the results of our first hymn auction FUN-raiser are in. Look for Phyllis Becker’s hymn in the fall, Susan Hanson’s in the winter, Mary Fowler’s in the spring and Jeannie Burpee’s choice next summer. The \$110 raised will be used for a strictly fun activity. A bouncy castle came to mind, but unfortunately it’s not in our budget. Please send in your fun ideas.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

New Address:

Hazel Shaw
12806 Bothell-Everett Hwy #322
Everett, WA 98208
Phone unchanged: 425-787-5191



AUGUST FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for August was \$16,117 compared to the budget of \$12,702, or \$3,415 over budget. August, with five Sundays, was a very good month, so we anticipate next month may be lower. Year-to-date we are \$3,205 over budget.

Expenses for August were \$14,796 compared to a budget of \$15,637 or (\$841) under budget. Year to date we are (\$6,128) under budget. Wages, Utilities and Buildings & Grounds are close to budget, and most other areas are somewhat under budget of varying amounts, but understandable given our current environment.

Total Actual Income	\$109,857
Total Budget Income	\$106,652
Total Actual Income minus Budget	\$3,205
Total Actual Expenses	\$111,155
Total Budget Expenses	\$117,283
Total Actual Expenses minus Budget	(\$6,128)
Net Total Income minus Total Expenses	(\$1,298)



St. Alban's wonderful music director, John Lehrack, brings his LIVE Taizé service back this **Sunday, September 19, at 7:00pm.** As with other services, this LIVE service is for those who are fully vaccinated, and we will wear masks. Join us for John's spiritual and reflective presentation featuring his piano and voice music, plus prayers, short times of meditation and beautiful pictures. It is a very welcome retreat and time of relaxation from the conflicted and busy world around us today.

At his time, we are experimenting with recording live on YouTube and posting to Facebook later. So to view the program, check our YouTube or Facebook links on our website.

Following is the prayer John is including in this Sunday's program.

Drawing Closer to God by Deborah Ann

To draw closer to God,
we must be willing
to open our hearts
to spiritual healing.

Healing of the pain,
others inflicted on us
healing of the hurt
so we can learn to trust.

To draw closer to God,
we must be open to
letting His Spirit
make all things new.

Newness of thought,
transformation of mind
letting go of the old
so peace we can find.

To draw closer to God,
we must be willing . . .
to make room in our hearts
for His Spirit's indwelling!



CHASE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Many thanks to those who have donated school supplies for Chase Lake students. Having the materials needed is a giant step in the right direction to having a good start to the school year.

There is a list of the requested supplies in the Parish Hall and also published in the past couple of ATPs. We will continue to collect donations for another week, ending our drive on Sunday, September 26.



“SEENAGERS”

Thanks to Jeannie Burpee for sharing the following from St. George's Episcopal Church in Roseburg's Dragon Scoop publication.

I just discovered my age group! I am a **Seenager** (senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything; they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared? And I don't have acne. Life is good.

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a **Seenager**. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there and wonder what they came for. It is NOT a memory

problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

So there!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends too.

FROM THE PEW TO THE PUBLIC SQUARE GATHERING ON HOUSING JUSTICE!

Tuesday, September 28th, 6:00 PM ET - [Register here](#)

From the Pew to the Public Square shares tools to move beyond the charity model of ministry. In September learn from Episcopalians fighting evictions and housing insecurity and developing advocacy ministries for housing as a human right.

Come to learn more and share how you are involved in this critical issue. Tinyurl.com/HousingSept28

(Social Justice Information from Fr. Greg)

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



jokes

From Dave Wilson

Remembering Phyllis Diller

My photographs don't do me justice – they look just like me.

Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle – keep away from children.

The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.

You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 19 – 17 PENTECOST

From part of James 3: *“But with the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality of hypocrisy.”* Put that list on your mirror and try to live by these good stepping-stones for faithful stewards – difficult indeed to attain, but gratitude creating when you have some success!

SEPTEMBER 26 – 18 PENTECOST

“Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure.” Isn't this what stewardship is all about? It's not the treasure that's important here; it's growing our relationship with God in faithful expectation of the as-yet-unknown blessings to come.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 19 – 17 PENTECOST

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Collect for September 19

Grant us, O Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

SEPTEMBER 26 – 18 PENTECOST

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

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 an 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)



ST. ALBAN'S YouTube CHANNEL

There are two options for viewing our Worship services: Facebook or YouTube.

In the center of our website front page is a link to YouTube, pictured above. Problems with Facebook – try YouTube.