

## AROUND THE PARISH

October 22, 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  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_YO1qfoSZfrOP7o\\_7d7zLw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_YO1qfoSZfrOP7o_7d7zLw)

**10/24 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services**  
for those fully vaccinated.

**10/24 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**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664979605?pwd=aEFjOHkyeHkwSEJQOXY1UjBCSElJZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6497 9605 Passcode Coffee

**10/24 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.



### DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE

Join with fellow parishioners and our neighbors in donating to our **Drive-by Food Drive, Saturday, October 23, 10:00am – 2:00pm.**

The approaching holidays are a wonderful time to celebrate for many of us. However, there are many families and singles in our neighborhood who see these times as those of want and need. Sadly, having enough food and adequate living conditions are options not available to all. That's where we come in!

Donations of non-perishable food and/or money to our local food bank will help to brighten lives and also give hope and encouragement to those who receive this practical and much needed aid. As you know, our ministry has spread to others in our community, and they look forward to helping as much as we do.

Perhaps there are some non-perishables that mean "holiday time" to your family and they could be a treat for another family. Staples of tuna, canned chicken, spaghetti and sauce, dried and canned beans, peanut butter, jam/jelly, canned fruits and vegetables. Packets of hot chocolate would be a welcome treat!

Lee Forsberg and his crew will be on site this Saturday to meet and greet all donors. Stop by to pitch in and say hello! Each of us is vital to this ministry.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**10/23 Drive-by Food Drive, 10:00am-2:00pm**

**10/25 Budget Mtg, 1:00pm, PH**  
**Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall**

**10/27 Daisy Beach Memorial, 3:00pm**  
**Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook**

**10/28 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary**

**10/29 Girl Scouts, 4:30-5:30pm, PH**  
**Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex**

**10/29 & 10/30 Diocese Convention, On Line**

### CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- Mail check to church  
21405-82<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org)

Grace is a free gift of God, but to receive a gift, you must have open hands.  
Philip Yancey



**"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above."**

...James 1:17 NSVR

### The Gift of Faith

Thomas Merton said, "Gratitude is the heart of the Christian life." May our faith continue to increase our gratitude so we, in turn, can live with seeing hearts.

*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most*

gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Guidance (BCP 832)



### **PLEDGE INGATHERING**

On October 21<sup>st</sup> a letter was mailed with your pledge card and return envelope. Also included is a thanksgiving card. We invite you to use this thanksgiving card to share the gifts for which you are thankful and return it along with your pledge card.

**November 7** will be our special ingathering for those who are worshipping at church. You can bring your pledge card and thanksgiving card to the church on November 7<sup>th</sup> and present it as part of this special ingathering. In the event you forget to bring it, blank cards will be available for your use. Our pledge and thanksgiving offerings will be blessed following the special ingathering.

You can also mail it to the church using the return envelope or put it through the mail slot in Fr. Greg's door. We would appreciate it if you could make sure we have received your pledge by November 14 so we can begin planning for next year.

As a reminder, all pledges are an intention of giving, but if circumstances change, you are free to change your pledge.



### **STEW FEST**

On October 20 we had a very successful Stew Fest, with attendance of 19. Stews were provided by Dan Mullene (even though he was unable to attend), Judy Kistner (using John's recipe as he was the stew maker), Wendre Vaughan (chili), Fr. Greg (vegetarian stew) and Maryellen Young (lamb stew). Appetizers, salads, breads and festive beverages of beer, wine, sparkling cider and other non-alcoholic options.

We were blessed with our speaker, Cristi Chapman, Executive Director of Seattle Seafarers Center (Mission to Seafarers) sharing thoughts about our stewardship theme "Every Perfect Gift," "sharing about being grateful for the gifts that we receive every day and how gratitude leads to generosity. John Bee also shared some of his memories from working with Mission to Seafarers.

In addition to all the supplies that were donated, \$261 was also contributed along with \$200 from the stewardship budget as an honorarium to our speaker, all to the support of this ministry. Thank you to everyone who helped with set-up and clean-up.

We apologize for those who may have tried to watch our speaker live on Facebook. We were about 20 minutes late in starting. Cristi's talk is available on our Facebook page.

*(Note: And many thanks to Maryellen Young for her hours of organizational skills in putting the event together and for the festive look that greeted diners.)*



### **HALLOWEEN BLESSING OF THE CREATURES**

**Sunday, October 31, Noon - 12:30pm**

Okay, all you goblins, ghosts, princesses, superheroes, witches, or whatever you are, all you things seen and unseen, known and unknown, it's your time to come out and play. Come to church on Sunday, after the 10:30am service for an outdoor blessing and a little something to warm the cockles of your hearts. Treat us to a little trick and we'll trick you with a little treat.

#### **Prayer for the Right Use of God's Gifts**

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess; Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
(BCP Prayers & Thanksgivings, #38)



**Photo of items donated for Mission to Seafarers Ditty Bags – toothbrushes, decks of cards, body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream. There were also knitted neck scarves and hats, plus some fabric ditty bags – the latter made by parishioners. Many thanks for your generosity.**

### **A Promise to Keep**

To laugh is to risk appearing foolish.  
 To cry is to risk appearing sentimental.  
 To reach out to another is to risk involvement.  
 To show your feelings is to risk exposing your true self.  
 To place your ideas and dreams before the crowd, is to risk loss.  
 To love is to risk not being loved in return.  
 To hope is to risk despair.  
 To try is to risk failure.  
 To live is to risk dying.  
 The greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.  
 The one who risks nothing,  
 Does nothing,  
 Has nothing,  
 Is nothing.  
 Live life to the fullest and be the best you can be.  
 This is a pledge to make to yourself,  
 A promise that you must keep.  
 (Jobs Daughters International)



*The author of the following commentary from Forward Movement’s “For the Beauty of the Earth” is Miriam Willard McKenney, who works as Forward Movement’s development director and also writes. She has recently discovered a love of outdoor fitness in*

*extreme temperatures, as there is no bad weather, just incorrect clothing choices.*

My daughters had an amazing Montessori teacher during their preschool and kindergarten years. Of the many, many lessons they learned from her, one continues to permeate our lives: *Make it better – or more beautiful – than when you found it.* Whether it’s their desk or the playground at the end of recess, the cafeteria table, or the trail around the harbor, make it more beautiful than when you found it.

Ms. Margaret constantly demonstrated her understanding that everything is connected. She introduced the girls to animals, plants, planets – and helped them understand the ways we are all connected to those things. And always, she would remind them that we *must make it better than when we found it.*

When I contemplate my life, I often wonder what legacy I’ll leave behind. But the more connected to nature I become, the less I worry about my individual legacy and focus more on my commitment to taking better care of the earth in this present moment. The stronger my connection is to nature, the stronger my connection is to God. The scriptures have different meanings to me when I read them now because I think much further beyond myself than I used to and consider how I can be a better steward of the gift of creation.



### **DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS**

The following meditation is from *Forward Through the Years*, a Forward Movement book, featuring selections of the best meditations from eight decades of publication.

*Matthew 23:37 – How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!*

I grew up on a farm. As a child, I was assigned to feed the chickens. The chickens were not possessed of great intelligence. They ran hither and yon, especially the young chicks. The hens spent most of their time trying to round up their brood, one of whom would always head off in some contrary direction. The hen would try to keep the rest together while seeking the errant chick.

The chicks rebelled at being held close or led, until something was amiss. A loud noise, impending rain,

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### OCTOBER 24 – 22 PENTECOST

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!

### OCTOBER 31 – 23 PENTECOST

The Summary of the law says it all ... love God with all your hear, 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 strive 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 24 – 22 PENTECOST

Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8, [19-22]  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

### October 24 – Collect

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

### OCTOBER 31 – 23 PENTECOST

Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

or the sound of a coyote would send them scurrying to get under the hen's wings. Then, it seemed, the wings that were never large enough to encircle the entire brood when they were jostling about would expand and cover them all. Small, fearful, hunkered down, the chicks sat in the protection of those wings.

The portrait is not flattering to us, but having seen chicks and hens, I know it is accurate. I mostly keep trying to go my own way, until some event sends me scurrying for the right place, the place it is my nature to inhabit – the warmth and safety of God's expansive embrace. 2002

### FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



jokes

From Dave Wilson

Not to brag, but I just went into another room and remembered why I went in there. It was the bathroom, but still....

First time in history we can save the human race by laying in front of the TV and doing nothing. Let's not mess this up!

It is said that women who are overweight live longer than men who mention it.

Home schooling Day 3: They all graduated yesterday.

### **WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS**

1st week—Food Bank  
2nd week—Discretionary Fund  
3rd week—Outreach – Pathways for Women  
4th week—Capital Improvements  
5<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)  
Cell: 206-778-1506  
**SUNDAYS**--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm  
(Available by appointment)



### **YouTube LINK ON WEBSITE**

Because of confusion about how to access YouTube on our website, the appearance of the link has been changed. The link is still located in the middle of the front page of our website, just above the link for the Sunday service bulletin. Below is how it now appears on our website. You can either click on the link or copy and paste the link into your browser

Services are also available on our **YouTube Channel**—  
Please Click Here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_YOIqfoSZfrOP7o\\_7d7zLw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_YOIqfoSZfrOP7o_7d7zLw)

