

AROUND THE PARISH

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.



JULY 8, 2022

SUNDAY – May 8, 2022

10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube

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

9:00am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is currently studying Acts

***No Adult Bible Study during month of August**
<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 YouTube or later as a video on Facebook

this fellowship event this year at St. Alban's.

Hot dogs, burgers, and non-meat alternatives to both will be provided along with chips, cold beverages, and coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for salads, side dishes, desserts.

This year's picnic is special in another way, too! Our beloved Jim Nichols died this last year. Jim loved the picnics – the food, but especially all of us simply getting together and enjoying each other. So, this year we're remembering and celebrating Jim.

Join us for some great food, fellowship and fun! With questions or offers to help, please contact Eric Hanson at (206) 755-4851.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 7/11 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 7/13 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot
6:00pm Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 7/14 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 7/15 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex
- 7/16 12:00-6:00pm, Private Party, PH
- 7/31 8:00/10:30am, Eucharist Services
12:00pm, Parish Picnic at church

NO VESTRY MEETING IN JULY



PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, JULY 31

On July 31st, there will be both 8:00 and 10:30am services, followed by our Parish Picnic at noon after the 10:30am service. We've missed this gathering the past two years and look forward to



PHOTOGRAPER UPDATE

Harvey Smith

Starting next week those of you whose pictures I took at the church or in your home will start getting edited copies via your email address. I expected to get these to you sooner, but a major computer crisis resulted in my having to purchase a new computer and transfer all the data from my old computer to the new one. That turned out to be a much bigger task than I expected.

I have appreciated all the nice things you have said to me about what I have been doing, but I assure you I have been the biggest beneficiary of this work. I can't think of anything I could have done to make me feel more a part of the St. Alban's community. Thank you.



OUTREACH 3rd QUARTER

Housing Hope will be our 3rd quarter Outreach Recipient for our 3rd week basket donations. Housing Hope combines affordable housing with tailored services such as life-skills training, childcare, case management, and employment services. Housing

types include emergency shelter, transitional housing, affordable rent units and homeownership opportunities. For more information, go to <https://www.housinghope.org/>



4th WEEK BASKET FOR UKRAINE

The Vestry has designated Ukraine as our 4th week basket recipient for 2022. At the Vestry Retreat in March, 4 organizations were selected. We have completed 4 months so in July, our donations will again go to **Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)**.

Doctors Without Borders has set up emergency response activities. They now have teams in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, Hungary, Slovakia, Russia, and Belarus. Teams are providing surgical care, emergency medicine, and mental health support for displaced people.

To participate, please note your donation “Ukraine.” And donations can be made any time. Because sometimes people might miss the 4th week, the time period for each organization will be from the 2nd week of a month through the 1st week of the following month. Then we will immediately send the donations to the recipient.

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Doctors without Borders, (French Médecins Sans Frontières) is an international humanitarian group dedicated to providing medical care to people in distress, including victims of political violence and natural disasters. The populations the group assists typically lack access to or adequate resources for medical treatment. The group was awarded the 1999 Nobel Prize for Peace.

Three hundred volunteers made up the organization when it was founded in 1971 by a group of doctors and journalists in the wake of war and famine in Biafra, Nigeria. Their belief was that all people should have access to high-quality health care, regardless of gender, race, religion, creed or political affiliation. From the start, teams made a commitment not just to care for patients, but to bear witness to their experiences and speak out to call attention to problems during emergency needs.

Over the past five decades, Doctors without Borders has grown from a group of a few hundred volunteers to

an international movement of more than 45,000 staff providing over 10 million medical consultations in more than 70 countries every year. The core values of humanitarianism, independence, neutrality, and impartiality that brought the original members together in 1971 continue to drive their work.

(Information from several websites)

Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



FREE SUMMER MEALS 2022

Daily free meals for children ages 1 – 18 are available at Chase Lake Elementary, 21608 84th Ave W, Edmonds, from July 5 – August 25, Monday through Thursday at 12:30-12:50pm. Meals are provided by the Foundation for Edmonds School District and its Nourishing Network Program. Child must be present, and meals must be consumed on site.

SPECIAL WELCOMING LITURGY

Saturday, July 16, 12:00pm

**St. Matthew/San Mateo Episcopal Church
123 L Street NE, Auburn, 98002**

The Diocese of Olympia Ethnic Ministries Circles of Color is hosting a Welcome Liturgy for our new Canon for Multicultural Ministries & Community Transformation, the Rev. Canon Carla Robinson. This event is also to honor and celebrate the leadership of those who have contributed to this program.

A message from Rev. Canon Carla Robinson:

“In the name of the Beloved Son for the sake of the Beloved Community”

I frequently use this phrase at the start of a sermon. For me the first part of this phrase means that it is my intent, prayer, and hope that Jesus is heard in the words I speak. For me, the last part of this phrase means that it is my intent, prayer, and hope that those who hear these words to be and build the beloved

community in their own lives. As I step into the role of Canon for Multicultural Ministry & Community Transformation, I bring this same intent, prayer, and hope.

In the ministry that we will do together, it is the Beloved Son, Jesus, who will speak to us and teach us. I will strive to help us hear Jesus in our praying and in our planning, in our conversations with God and in our conversations with each other.

In the ministry that we will do together, it is the Beloved Community that we will continue to build. I will strive to hold that vision in front of us even as we do the very difficult work to which that vision calls us.



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

The following reflection is from some years ago, author unknown at this time – another timeless one.

Luke 10:1-12, 16-20—Whoever listens to you, listens to me.

This is our call from God to transform the world. A call from God? How well I remember my first realization that God was actually calling me to ministry. Me? What abilities, talents, or training did I have? By the grace of God, I was able to accept this call and begin a ministry with youth that has changed my life.

Bearing witness to our faith is something many of us find frightening. We often feel that we will not be able to find the words to properly convey God's message. Witnessing is not only speaking about God's mercy and grace; it is also living your life as an example to others that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ. Who you are is more than what you say. The way we treat all those whom God places in our lives shows our witness to Jesus Christ.

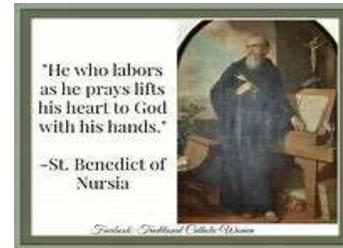
Once we have accepted God into our lives we must also accept that He calls us all to minister. I will never forget a statement made to me at the time of my first experience of hearing God's call, "Remember, you may be the only example of Jesus Christ another person ever sees." This is a very powerful call to ministry. Let's remember it as we go out in the world to do the work he has given us to do.

Donation statements for the first half of the year were mailed out this week.



FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONS

The next quarter of Forward Day by Day Daily Devotions for August/September/October 2022 is available in the Parish Hall and in the Brown Box outside the Sacristy Door. If you are unable to pick up a copy, please call the office, and one can be mailed to you.



BENEDICT OF NURSIA (DIED C. 540) Abbot of Monte Cassino Founder of Western Monasticism

The serious breakdown of society and authority in fifth century Europe led many to run away from society and hide as hermits, hating and despairing of humanity. Benedict of Nursia instead entered on a brave new venture. At Subiaco, and later at Monte Cassino (both in Italy), he founded the first monastic communities of Western Europe.

He drafted a firm by reasonable "Rule" for these communities. He was never ordained and his communities were composed only of laymen at first. Their lives centered around the daily offices. When they were not praying and studying scripture, they were engaged in manual labor and in works of charity. Like the early Christians, they held all property in common.

Benedict attracted little attention in his own lifetime, but after his death, as the monasteries grew and spread, so did his fame. The Benedictine monasteries became little islands where a man could still learn to love God and his fellow man and truly practice the Christian religion in his whole life. These communities operated schools, orphanages, hospitals, and assumed many of the functions of state.

Benedictine monks were largely responsible for the conversion and civilization of England. Westminster Abbey was for centuries a Benedictine house.

(Calendar of Saints, Forward Movement)

jokes

From Dave Wilson

A man came home from work and found his three children outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard. The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house, and there was no sign of the dog.

Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room, the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, the fridge door was open wide, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door.

He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she might be ill, or that something serious had happened. He was met with a small trickle of water as it made its way out the bathroom door. As he peered inside, he found wet towels, scummy soap and more toys on the floor. Miles of toilet paper lay in a heap, and toothpaste had been smeared over the mirror and walls.

As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife still curled up in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She smiled again and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what in the world I do all day?"

"Yes," was his incredulous reply.

She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it."

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JULY 10 – 5 PENTECOST

The story of the Good Samaritan calls being merciful an important attribute of a servant of the Lord. With God's own examples of abundant mercy shown to all his people (even at their worst) in all times, we have a perfect guide to help us as we try to respond to his blessings with love and mercy of our own.

JULY 17 – 6 PENTECOST

In today's world, much is often made of the contrast between Mary and Martha -- one who sits at the feet of the Lord to learn, and one who is consumed by the details of providing hospitality. Both, of course, have their places, and as faithful disciples (students and followers) and stewards (caretakers), we need to pray for the guidance and grace to balance the two in ways pleasing to our Provider.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JULY 10 – 5 PENTECOST

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Collect for 5 Pentecost

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

JULY 17 – 6 PENTECOST

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

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.”

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn kiwicat1@gmail.com or 425-745-1390

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People that are used during the 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.

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Housing Hope

4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering

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, Wednesday, 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)