

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.



September 23, 2022

SUNDAY – September 23

10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube

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

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is continuing to study Gospel of Mark.

<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.

PLEASE NOTE: Around the Parish is taking a break on the fifth Friday of a month. We will be back on October 7.

EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Author Anonymous

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 9/24 10:00-2:00pm, Drive By Food Drive
2:00-4:00pm, Pokemon TGC
- 9/25 9:30am, Peace & Justice Meeting
- 9/26 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 9/28 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
- 9/29 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 9/30 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex
- 10/1 10:30am, ECW Coffee, Parish Hall
- 10/2 Celebration of St. Michael and All Angels
- 10/3 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 10/4 2:00pm, Altar Guild Meeting, PH
- 10/5 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
- 10/6 1:00-3:30pm, Small Group Meeting, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 10/7 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex
- 10/8 10:30-1:00pm, Community Blessing of the Animals
- 10/9 Blessing of the Animals after both services
- 10/12 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
StewFest with Rev Rachel Tabor-Hanilton, Guest

Fr. Greg is on a brief vacation. We welcome and give thanks to our guest priest, Rev. Catharine Reid.



IT'S TOMORROW, SEPT 24, 10:00-2:00PM

Please keep the food bank in mind as you visit your favorite grocery store. Along with numerous other areas, many of our neighbors in Edmonds are struggling to pay their bills and provide food for their families.

Help us be a light to those who are doing the best they can, but unable to keep up with the rising cost of food. Any non-perishables we can provide will be a welcome gift – soups, mac and cheese, beans, canned tuna or chicken, spaghetti and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, Spagetti-Os, chili, etc. We're quickly getting into hot chocolate weather, which goes great with Rice Krispie treats!

Lee Forsberg encourages us to drop by to meet and greet our wonderful donors. Reportedly, two of our four-footed volunteers will be on site to cheer us on!

Our neighbors love to reconnect with us at each of our food drives. They continue to help us be a great ministry and outreach at St. Alban's. When we reach out to another person, we reach out to God.



ECW COFFEE GATHERING WITH SPECIAL GUEST DEBBIE DIMITRE

You won't want to miss the Episcopal Church Women's get-together on **Saturday, October 1, at 10:30am**. This will be time for visiting and enjoying some light refreshments of coffee, tea and snacks. Connie Forsberg has arranged for a special guest for this gathering – Debbie Dimitre, who is a storyteller and actress and who has been entertaining and educating audiences of all ages with her historical and dramatic storytelling. Debbie's presentation to us will be Broken Star, about the heroic tales of Harriet Beecher-Stowe and Harriet Tubman, who led hundreds of slaves on the Underground Railroad. Invite family members, friends or neighbors to join us for this special event and fellowship.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 CELEBRATION OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

As we have done for the last several years, we remember St. Michael, protector of Israel, and all the heavenly host, messengers of God on Michaelmas. You are invited to bring your pictures, icons, and statues of angels to decorate the church.



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Our pets and animal companions are a blessing, keep us and guard us, giving us many hours and days of companionship and love. This year we are having two opportunities to return the blessing.

Saturday, October 8 – Community Blessing

This event is specifically for our neighbors and the nearby community. There will be snacks for pets and humans alike, and we are holding a pet food supply drive for the Edmonds food banks.

Please invite your families, friends, and neighbors to one or both of these special celebrations.

Sunday, October 9 at St. Alban's

Bring your pets (or their pictures) to church for a blessing during both services.

STEWFEEST IS COMING

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, October 12**, for our annual StewFest. There will be the usual delicious stews, including vegan, to enjoy along with salads, bread, and beverages. The Reverend Rachel Tabor-Hamilton will be speaking about her work on Indigenous reconciliation and stewardship. Come share in the fellowship and learning while enjoying a great meal. More information and a sign-up sheet to follow.



More than Enough



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Once again, St. Alban's has greatly benefitted from an Eagle Scout project from Troop 300. Liam O'Donnell chose to upgrade our WiFi for the completion of his Eagle Scout ranking. Both the Sunday School Wing and the Annex now have their own router and passwords, giving a stronger signal to our WiFi.

We give our congratulations to Liam for achieving this high rank, and we thank him for his time and efforts on our behalf.



YOUR INPUT REQUESTED ON MUSIC

There is a bit more time, but the committee tasked with finding a Music Director has asked for our input by completing a Music Survey form. This gives us a chance to express our preferences. There is a copy of the survey attached to this ATP, and there are copies in the Parish Hall. Please complete the form and give to a member of the committee, usher, or email/deliver to the church office **no later than October 9, 2022.**

Committee members are Phyllis Becker, Jeannie Burpee, Carrie Cone, Gerry Faley, Eric Hanson, and Greg Peters.



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

The following reflection was written by Lynne Jordal Martin, who works for a major news organization. She serves on the Vestry of Trinity Church Wall Street and the Forward Movement board. She lives with her family in Westchester County, New York.

Psalm 56:3 – Whenever I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.

We live in a modern world filled with technology, knowledge, and even artificial intelligence capabilities our grandparents could not have imagined even just 50 years ago. “Siri, what is the temperature?” is a question I often ask these days. Though Facebook seems ubiquitous now, it’s helpful to remember that it is a relative newcomer, created in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in February 2004.

The social media and technology we both love and hate are inextricably a part of our lives. Still, there is one constant, we are often afraid. Sometimes it seems as if anxiety and fear have never been greater than they are right now in our world. It’s as if fear has become an acronym for False Evidence Appearing Real. We spin out “What Ifs” and catastrophize unlikely scenarios.

Regardless of the times, the antidote to fear is the same as it always has been. The answer is love. It is not always easy to “trust in the slow work of God,” as theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin said so eloquently. When I feel afraid, I take three deep

breaths and try to refocus, remembering to put my trust in God and let go of my fears.



From Dave Wilson

A 65-year-old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near-death experience. Seeing God, she asked, “Is my time up?”

God said, “No, you have another 32 years 2 months and 8 days to live.”

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, “God, you said I had another 33 years to live. Why didn’t you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?”

God replied, “I didn’t recognize you!!!”

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 25 – 16 PENTECOST

What a difference it would have made for Lazarus if the rich man had showed him even an iota of the mercy and favor God had modeled for him in his pampered life. But the scales are eventually balanced, and Lazarus finds a lasting home near God, while the rich man is condemned to suffer for eternity. How often do we question why “bad things happen to good people” but take little comfort in God’s promise to balance the scales gloriously in His good time. Must be because we are human and can never know the many mysteries of God...we just have to trust...we just have to trust, and how hard and unsatisfying that can be!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 25 – 16 PENTECOST

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm: 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Collect for 16 Pentecost

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasures through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

OCTOBER 2 – 17 PENTECOST

Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Collect for 17 Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other’s toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Music Survey

A committee has been formed to find a new Music Director for St. Albans.

Please help us by sharing your preferences.

Manner of presentation	Yes	No	Comments
Piano	_____	_____	_____
Organ	_____	_____	_____
Combination of above	_____	_____	_____
Solos	_____	_____	_____
Small Ensembles (duets, trios, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
Descants	_____	_____	_____
Instrumental	_____	_____	_____

Do you prefer a variety of music?

Hymns	_____	_____	_____
Gospel	_____	_____	_____
Folk mass	_____	_____	_____
Contemporary/Jazz	_____	_____	_____

What special hymns or music would you like to hear? _____

Would you like to have a choir in the future? _____

Would you participate in a choir? _____

If you attend the 8:00 service, would you like to continue to have music at that service? _____

Have you any other ideas you'd like to share?

If you'd like to contact a member of the committee, please do.

Greg Peters, Gerry Faley, Carrie Cone, Eric Hanson, Phyllis Becker, Jeannie Burpee

Please complete ASAP and give to a member of the committee

or an usher, deliver to office, or mail back. Return no later than Oct 9, 2022.

