

AROUND THE PARISH

August 7, 2026

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 – August 9

Pentecost 11

8:00 & 10:30am, Eucharist Services in Sanctuary

9:30-10:15am, Adult Bible Study, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwocNgIbbx30Er.1>

Meeting ID: 836 2506 3228 Pass Code: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Rental, Church

NOTE: Watch the Sunday service on YouTube either
live or later.

[St. Alban's Episcopal Church Edmonds - YouTube](#)

Fr. Greg is away on vacation from August 2 to August 26. During his absence, we look forward to visits and welcome the following guest priests:

August 9 – Rev. Allen Hicks

August 16 – Rev. Danae Ashley

August 23 – Rev. Allen Hicks

COMING EVENTS

8/8 10:30am, Men's Circle, Parish Hall

8/12 3:00pm, Food Distribution, Parking Lot

4:00-6:00pm, Popsicles in Park, PreSchool

8/17 1:00pm, Discernment Work Grp Mtg, PH

8/19 1:30-5:30pm, Yard Sale Set-up

8/20 1:30-5:30pm, Yard Sale Set-up

8/21 9:00-4:00pm, St. Alban's Yard Sale

8/22 9:00-4:00pm, St. Alban's Yard Sale

10:30am, Indigenous Circle Field Trip

8/24 1:00pm, Discernment Work Grp Mtg, PH

8/29 10:00am-3:00pm, Templo Emanuel Kids Camp

8/31 1:00pm, Discernment Work Grp Mtg, PH

RECURRING EVENTS

Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

7:00pm, AA Meeting, Annex

Tues: 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, PH (off for summer)

6:30pm, AA Serenity Seekers, Parish Hall

Wed: 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube

Thur: 7:00-9:00pm, Rental, Sanctuary

Fri: 7:00-8:30pm, Rental, Sanctuary/Parish Hall

Sun: 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Next ATP Issue: Friday, August 21

Article Deadline: Tuesday, August 19

**AUGUST 16 IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN
SURVEY #2. EXTRA COPIES IN THE
PARISH HALL. PUT IN RED BOX ON
PARISH HALL COUNTER.**



COMING UP SOON – ST. ALBAN'S YARD SALE

Dates: Friday and Saturday

August 21 and August 22

9:00am-4:00pm

St. Alban's Church Grounds

Call for Donations

August 18 and 19 only – 1:30-5:30pm

We will be accepting donations of gently used items to support our church.

Important Donation Guidelines:

- **Please bring:** Appropriate, saleable items in good condition.
- **Items we CANNOT accept:** Clothes, couches, mattresses, pillows, electronics containing batteries, or any items that are broken, heavily worn, or unsafe. If you have questions about specific items, please contact JL Krilevich, 425-599-7740.

• Volunteers Needed

Many hands make light work! We are looking for volunteers to help with sorting, organizing, pricing, and assisting during the sale.

- **Prep & Pricing Days:** August 19-20
- **Sale Days:** August 21-22 (9:00am - 4:00 pm)

- **How to Sign Up:**

Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the Parish Hall.

Please consider lending a hand—even if you only have 30 minutes to an hour to spare! Every bit of help makes a huge difference.

Questions may be directed to Jan Lee Krilevich (jlkrilevich@gmail.com; 425-599-7740)

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alban's!



CHASE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

During August we are collecting donations of school supplies for Chase Lake Community School.

Below is a list of supplies that the school identified would be of greatest need (note, please pay attention to brand names where identified):

- #2 HB Ticonderoga pencils
- Expo dry erase markers, fine tip (Black, Green, Blue)
- Black Sharpies (Fine Tips and regular)
- 12 Elmers Disappearing Purple Glue Sticks
- Boxes of 10 Crayola Broad Line or Fine Line markers
- baby wipes, unscented
- one-subject spiral notebooks
- 3-prong pocket folders, solid color (paper and plastic)

A flyer with the list of suggested supplies is available in the Parish Hall. Supplies can be placed in the container on the table.

If you would like to donate money, please designate "Chase Lake" on your donation and put your donation in the collection plate.



ANNOUNCING "NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR"

Jim Gilman

Neighbor to Neighbor: Our Soup and Salad Dinner and Program resumes on Wednesday, September 16, 2026:

- *6:00 pm: Evening Prayer
- *6:30 pm: Soup and Salad Dinner
- *Neighbor to Neighbor Program

The aim of Neighbor to Neighbor is to find ways to get to know better our neighbors in the pews next to us, and to support and encourage each other in following Christ.

Sitting around dinner tables, 2 or 3 members of the congregation will share with those at their table what they want others to know and understand about themselves, about their life and spiritual journey. A "Study Guide" of possible questions and issues to discuss will be available to those who share.

Recalling the earliest Christians, we will devote ourselves to "fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer." At the first Soup and Salad dinner (Sept.16), Jim Gilman will be sharing with the whole group what he would like you to understand about his life and spiritual journey.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements for those who have made monetary contributions to St. Alban's in the first half of 2026 have been mailed. If you have any question, please contact Jeannie Burpee at 541-430-1476, jandjburpee@gmail.com or the church office at 425-778-0371, stalbansedmonds@gmail.com.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Thanks to everyone who helped to make this a very successful event. Special thanks to Anna Sharpe as chair of the event, Debby Wilson as day-of-event coordinator, and everyone who helped with setting up and taking down all of the tables and chairs.

We had 27 people from St. Alban's attending and helping and greeting our neighbors who came. Two

representatives from the Edmonds Police Department and one South County Fire Commissioner spent time with those attending. Dan Mullene arranged for people from the Heroes Cafe, American Legion and Northwest Veterans Memorial to participate. We also had representatives from the Edmonds Food Bank, Girl Scouts and our preschool present. Of the neighbors who attended, some learned about the event from the publicity Dan submitted to MyEdmondsNews, some received a flyer and others saw our signs or found us via Google.

Not everyone signed in but we had at least 69 in total recorded on our sign-in sheets at the Welcome table. Others went directly to the Bouncy House or games and bypassed the sign-in sheets. We all appreciated the hot dogs and other refreshments available. It's possible that the air quality impacted on the number who came. A great event and time to socialize with our neighbors.



Photos from Dan Mullene



BASKET DONATIONS FOR 3rd QUARTER

1st week—Food Banks for Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace Food Banks.

2nd week—Discretionary Fund to help people who contact the church for assistance with gas cards, utility bills, rent and other emergency aid requests.

3rd week—Pathways for Women YWCA Pathways for Women provides shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing for single mothers and children.

4th Week— World Central Kitchen (WCK) is first to the frontlines, providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crisis.

5th week— Indigenous Women: WomenSpirit Coalition. Our next 5th week is August 30th.

Donations can be made at any time by placing your donation in an envelope and designating category for your donation.

CHURCH WITH THE RED DOORS

You have probably noticed the red doors at St. Alban's. A couple of months ago, we were given the opportunity to vote on a color for our doors; red won that round, and then a couple of red shades were presented for the final color vote.

Traditionally, a red church door symbolizes the sacrificial blood of



Christ, recalling themes such as Passover and atonement. Red is the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit especially associated with Pentecost. The color also honors Christian martyrs whose sacrifices shaped the early church. It represents the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the idea of sanctuary – signaling that the church is a place of refuge, safety and welcome.

Many churches use red doors today to signal warmth, hospitality, spiritual healing, and a safe place for those seeking peace or forgiveness.

LAY PREACHING COURSE WITH BACKSTORY PREACHING

Preaching Among Friends is a seven-week online course offered by Backstory Preaching for lay preachers. The course meets Sunday evenings from September 20 through November 5 and offers practical instruction in sermon preparation, biblical interpretation, and the spirituality of sermon writing – all within a supportive community of peer feedback.

To learn more, contact **the Rev. Dr. Lisa Cressman or the Rev. Courtney Jones.**



DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS

This reflection was contributed to Forward Day by Day by Tina Francis, writer, photographer and seminarian pursuing the priesthood to the Episcopal Church. She was born to South Indian parents, raised in Dubai, and shaped in Canada and Seattle.

Psalms 51:10-11 -- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

This morning I found a pebble in my shoe. It was no bigger than a lentil, but bold in its ambitions – rolling under the ball of my foot, claiming the arch, trying the heel, the way a small child tests every chair in the room before settling into your lap. It kept shifting with every step, finding every tender place.

I walked with it for a while, thinking maybe I could just adjust. I've lived with worse. (How many pebbles in my life have I tried to live with?) Finally, I stopped. Slipped off the shoe. Tipped it over. The little culprit landed in my palm. It was nothing, really – a speck, the smallest undoing.

I thought about the things we carry, sometimes for years, because they seem too small to matter. The

words we don't forgive. The habit that wears a slow groove in our days. That's the trouble with small stuff – the grudges, the bad habits, the tiny cruelties – they seem too little to matter until they've worn a hole clean through you.

Sometimes the path to a clean heart and a right spirit is just this: noticing, stopping, emptying your shoe.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

AUGUST 9 – PENTECOST 11

Impetuous Peter...so quick to want to show his faith and trust in Jesus...and so equally quick to fall back in fear when the wind intruded. How often do we, attempting to live as God's stewards, let the winds of the world make us falter in our trust for the ever-present heavenly mercy? Thankfully, over and over Jesus says, *"Take heart, it is I; so do not be afraid."*

AUGUST 16 – PENTECOST 12

In the Gospel which speaks of the pleas of the Canaanite woman (the Canaanites and Israelites did not enjoy amicable relationships), Jesus reminded the Disciples that he had been sent to seek the "lost." How reassuring to know that He still to this day seeks the "lost" among us, and that if we continue to have faith as the woman did, God has promised to guide and support our lives!

AUGUST 23 – PENTECOST 13

Near the end of Psalm 138, it says: *"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe...your right hand shall save me. The Lord will make good his purpose for me...O Lord, your love endures forever."* As "stewards-in-training," how can we strive to genuinely trust and believe these promises? Perhaps utilizing the Holy Habits (prayer, bible study, community worship, and service and thankful giving) can help. Why not covenant to give them a new or renewed try in the days ahead?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

AUGUST 9 – PENTECOST 11

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10: 5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Collect for Pentecost 11

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

AUGUST 16 – PENTECOST 12

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Collect for Pentecost 12

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

AUGUST 23 – PENTECOST 13

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Collect for Pentecost 13

Grant, O Merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm

Friday 2:00 – 4:00pm

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

During Fr. Greg's absence, please call Jim Gilman with any pastoral issues or concerns. Discretionary Fund needs can be referred to Dan Mullene or Jim Gilman.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at sheilahreidburn@comcast.net or 206-427-1920.

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People are used during 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.

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

*Collection plates and baskets on Sunday.

*Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026

*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- or use pictured QR code



WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach

4th week—International Relief

5th Week—Indigenous Women Support

