AROUND THE PARISH

November 20, 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

The gremlins have attacked the ATP once again. This is a modified version for this issue.

SUNDAY – November 22

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

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

9:30-10:15am, Adult Bible Study, Annex & Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

11/21 11:00am Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
1:00-6:00pm, Private Party, Parish Hall/Kitchen
11/25 12:00pm Pre-Thanksgiving Eucharist/Hors d'oeuvres
11/26 10:00am-4:00pm, Private Party, PH/Kitchen
12/5 12:00pm-2:00pm, Conflict Resolution Workshop, PH
12/6 9:15-10:15am Shower for Anna & Nick Sharpe, PH
12/9 2:30-4:30pm Food Distribution & Christmas Party, Parking Lot & Parish Hall
12/9 6:30pm Officers' Agenda Planning, Zoom
12/12 10:30-12:00pm ECW Christmas Party, PH
12/13 12:00-12:30pm Christmas Pagent, Sanctuary
12/16 12:30-1:30pm Christmas Carols You May Not Know, PH

RECURRING EVENTS

Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
Tues: 6:30pm, AA Serenity Seekers, Parish Hall
Wed: 12:00pm, Midday Prayer, Sanctuary/YouTube
6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube
Thur: 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Rental, Sanctuary
Fri: 7:00-8:30pm, Rental, Sanctuary
Sun: 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Next ATP Issue: Friday, December 4
Article Deadline: Wednesday noon, December 2



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Fr. Greg Peter



1,100 Ditty Bags stuffed in 50 minutes! Over! Done! Thank you very much! We hope to see you all again next year!

The annual Ditty Bag Stuffing for the Mission to Seafarers is a wonder to behold. Churches from all over our region gather supplies, gifts, and treats. Knitters in congregations big and small produce mountains of caps in every color under the sun. They send notes of good cheer and greeting in the name of our Christ Jesus. They send teams of people (delegations of the faithful, really) to assemble all these disparate tokens of care and affection into cheerfully colored drawstring cloth bags.

It is a sight to behold! 'Round and 'round the tables we go in beautiful and joyous dance. A little bit of this (caps and socks, razors and shave cream, deodorant and lotion), a little bit of that (toothbrush and paste, note pads and poker cards, chocolates and sweets), the practical basic necessities and the impractical treats; warming bodies and delighting souls.

Later, teams from the Mission to Seafarers will take these simple treasures to those working on the ships that dock in our ports. These men (and some few women) spend months at sea, plying the great oceans, supplying us with goods from around the world, transporting the produce and products from here to distant lands. The work is often lonely and long-houred, with little and infrequent contact with family or friends.

No matter the nationality, no matter the religion, creed, or race, every Christmastide, the Mission to Seafarers distributes these Ditty Bags of Generosity, Hope, and Care to those far from home, far from loved ones, maybe far from hope.

In this season of generosity, I want you to know how thankful I am for you all. You all are part and parcel of this great ministry. (A special thank you to Averil Nicewarmer for organizing the Ditty Bag collection again this year.) Your faithful generosity touches and changes the lives of a few hardworking, little known, little noticed, rarely seen people. But they are known by our Lord and Savior, and through these little ditty bags He is being revealed to them.

And, of course, the Mission to Seafarers is only one of the many outreach ministries we support, that we are part of, into which we put bits of ourselves, our souls, and bodies.

You are making the world a little warmer, a little more pleasant, comfortable, and enjoyable, a little sweeter, and making the human family in all our far-flung dispersion and glorious diversity a little closer and a little more tightknit. *"Father, make them one, as you and I are one." John 17:21.* Well, there you have it.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER



Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the love that surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks that demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.



THANKSGIVING DAY POTLUCK at Grace Chinese Lutheran November 26th: Join in with our friends at Grace Chinese Lutheran for Thanksgiving Day Worship and Potluck. The service starts at 1pm and dinner is served at 2pm. Turkey and traditional dishes are provided. Please bring a favorite dish to share! The address is 538 NE 127th St., Seattle, WA 98125.



November is **Indigenous Peoples** month. At St. Albans we give thanks for our indigenous hosts. One way we honor and celebrate them is with a Soup & Salad Luncheon, which occurred this past Wednesday. Around 20 people gathered to celebrate our indigenous hosts and heritage, with:

*A mid-day prayer service, including indigenous prayers from the Four Directions, Bible lessons from an Indigenous translation of the Bible, and Communion.
*A Soup & Salad **Potlatch** really. An abundance of indigenous foods: fry bread, stews, soups, salads, corn bread, and dessert.
*A "Neighbor to Neighbor" conversation, in which two indigenous members of St. Albans, Teddi Balagot and Paul Bragg, shared a bit about their lives as indigenous peoples and answered questions from the gathered community.
*The event concluded with Paul Bragg sharing his collection of Indigenous Regalia: Eagle Feathered headdress, a circular dance bouquet of Eagle Feathers, and more.

God bless the indigenous peoples whose generous spirit allows us to live happily amongst them.

PRE-THANKGIVING BLESSINGS & BITES by Linda Rowan, Junior Warden



PLEASE NOTE: The time has been changed to 12:00pm this year to enable those who prefer not to drive at night to attend.

Join us **Wednesday afternoon, November 25, beginning at 12:00pm,** for our Thanksgiving Eve Service and Fest. There will be a simple Eucharist in the Sanctuary at noon followed by food and beverages in the Parish Hall. We have invited our neighbors from St. Hilda St. Patick to share this wonderful event of worship and fellowship.

You are invited to contribute your favorite finger foods or hors d'oeuvres, hot or cold. Please save Thanksgiving food for The Big Day and bring other food options to this gathering.

Let's make special offerings at this event – cash donations will be given to the Food Bank. Your non-perishable contributions will go to the Blessing Pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHASE LAKE CHRISTMAS MONETARY DONATIONS



The Edmonds School District has changed their policy, and schools can no longer give out gift cards. Therefore, **this year we can only donate money for Chase Lake's Holiday Cheer** program. The PTSA will use the money to purchase food or gifts.

Timing is also very short. Please make donations by **Sunday, November 29th**.

Designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check. You can also put cash in an envelope and label the envelope "Chase Lake." Place your name on the envelope so we can give you credit for your contribution.

Our congregation is very generous in support of Chase Lake Community School. Several years ago, Jim Nichols initiated our Chase Lake Christmas donations for the benefit of the school's families. Holidays can be very difficult for struggling families.

ECW HOLIDAY COFFFEE



It's time for holiday cheer and fellowship! Join us **December 12th at 10:30 - 12:00.** Please come join us for light snacks and refreshments and coffee and tea! Lots of fun!

Please bring a wrapped $10 gift for our exchange. We will have fun with the annual Christmas Quiz. It is open to everybody so bring a friend! You do not want to miss this!

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BABY SHOWER FOR THE SHARPE FAMILY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH:

Join us for a Baby Shower for Anna & Nick Sharpe on Sunday, December 6th in between services (beginning around 9:15am). Their precious little bundle of joy is on the way soon; Some things they still need are:

--baby clothes in the 9 month and older range
--take out food gift cards (DoorDash, UberEats)
--money towards a "Diaper Fund"

If you would like to contribute money via St. Alban's, please indicate "Sharpe Diaper Fund" on your donation or give your donation directly to Anna and Nick.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Very Merry Christmas Party on **Wednesday December 9th**: St. Alban's is sponsoring a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 9th 2:30 - 4:30 in honor of our food bank friends. How can you help?

--Help supervise the party, greeting and conversing with people
--Contribute festive snacks for the party
--Purchase toys for kids: between the ages of 1 to 10; for boys or girls; costing no more than $20. Please bring the toys unwrapped to the church; anytime until the morning of Sunday, December 6th
--And CELEBRATE the joy of the season with our friends!!

Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall.



PLEDGES FOR 2027

Our annual pledge campaign continues, and if you have not yet had the opportunity to submit your pledge for the coming year, there is still time! Your pledge is vital in helping us plan our ministries and continue the work of sharing God's abundance and love with our neighbors. So far we have received about 60% of potential pledges.

A preliminary budget will be presented for the December Vestry Meeting on December 13th. Pledges are an important part of our planning efforts for the upcoming year.



You can mail your pledge card to the church using the envelope received with your pledge card or put it in the offering plate. If you need another pledge card, please contact the church office and we will mail one to you. There are also additional copies in the pews.

Thank you for considering this renewed commitment. Together, we are building a future filled with hope, service, and generosity.

COME ENJOY THE GIFT OF THE NATIVITY!



A Special Christmas Presentation NATIVITY PLAY & CAROLS Join us on Sunday, December 13th, in our Sanctuary, immediately following our 10:30 service (Approx. 12:00 PM Noon). Hosted by: The Children of the Edmonds/Lynnwood Ward (The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latterday Saints) expressing their appreciation to St. Alban's Parishioners for donated costumes. Come enjoy the joy, music, and Holy Spirit! Cookies & Hot Chocolate to follow.



As we turn the corner into late November, we're joyfully preparing for another creative year of AdventWord, an offering of Forward Movement that seeks to inspire followers of Jesus with an accessible and creative daily prayer practice.

AdventWord is a free inspirational online Advent calendar featuring a daily prompt word selected from the Advent Sunday Lectionary readings. Followers receive a daily meditation and image inspired by the day's word, and are invited to share their own personal reflections, art, poetry, or other creative expression. As we await the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we invite you to find daily moments of reflection to help you stay connected to your faith, to others, and to God. Join our community of prayer this Advent season. Sign up for email updates and daily meditations at AdventWord - An Online Advent Calendar starting on the First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2026.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 2027 3rd WEEK BASKET

The Outreach Donations Ministry Team is asking for suggestions for charities for our quarterly 3rd Week Basket outreach donations starting with the 2nd quarter 2027. Recommendations are due by December 27. Suggestions can be given to a member of the Outreach Donation Ministry Team listed below or to the church office by telephone 425-778-0371 or email stalbansedmonds@gmail.com .

We also welcome new parishioners to join in participating in this process. The Team reviews the options and selects which ones will appear on the ballot. If interested, please contact a member of the Outreach Donation Ministry: Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler or Maryellen Young.

We vote on the choices provided starting at our Annual Meeting. Recipients for the 4 previous quarters are ineligible for one year.



We mourn the recent loss of family and friends and offer our sympathy:

Howard Schattenkirk, Information about a service will be sent later.
Cards can be sent to
Kim Schattenkirk
20819 77th Pl. W
Edmonds, WA 98026

Michael Chandler, son of Pat Chandler. Service to be held Saturday, January 9, 2027 at 11:00am.
Cards can be sent to
Pat Chandler
23507 Lakeview Dr, #B201
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

Bob Faley:
The Faleys had recently moved. A date for a memorial service will be shared when the date is set. Cards can be sent to:
Gerry Faley,
6520 196th St SW, Unit 351
Lynnwood, WA 98036
gfaley0474@msn.com
206 856 5859. Cell phone
425 640 7160 land line

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 22 – LAST SUNDAY PENTECOST

The final week of this Church Year has for its Gospel, the Great Commission, which ends, *"Just as you did it unto the least of these who are members of my family, you did it for me."* As we prepare for Advent and a new Church year, how will you covenant to feed the hungry, give sustenance to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the needy, visit the prisoner, and/or tend the sick? We live in a world crying for all kinds of compassionate care. Will you be the face and hands of Jesus?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NOVEMBER 22 – LAST PENTECOST
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 9:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Collect for Last Pentecost
Almighty and Everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30 pm
Wednesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30pm
Thursday Home 10:00am – 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)
Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Outreach
4th week—International Relief
5th Week—Indigenous Women Support

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.
In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

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.