

July 2024

Rector's Corner

As I write this article, I am on my way to the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Every three years, representatives from every diocese across the church gather to pray, to elect and appoint people to various national positions, to deliberate and enact resolutions having to do with our common life in Christ. This year it is being held in Louisville, KY.

Others will be there too. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) holds their Triennial at the same time, so they will be present and gathering for their own work. Several religious orders (yes, the Episcopal Church has nuns and monks!) will have a presence, as will a wide variety of mission initiatives — Episcopal Peace Fellowship, the Union of Black Episcopalians, Creation Care/Agrarian Ministries, hospital and military chaplains, and so many others. And of course, many suppliers of religious goods— books and videos, vestments and vessels, arts and crafts, formation curricula, etc.— will be on hand to offer their wares.

It's a bit like our annual diocesan convention, but on steroids. Lots and lots of steroids.

I am one of our diocese's representatives this time around. Each diocese sends up to 8 deputies- 4 clergy and 4 laypersons. I am serving as clergy alternate; I will take turns sitting in for my colleagues, so everyone can have a bit of breathing space over the course of what are very long days.

Whether deputy or alternate, lay or clergy, we have spent time and effort getting ready: reading through proposed resolutions, attending preliminary committee hearings (via videoconference these days), learning more about candidates for elected positions, and praying over the decisions we will be

asked to make. It also means taking time away from our "day jobs" for an entire week (or more, with travel). It's a bit of a sacrifice, particularly for lay people and bi-vocational clergy who must often use accrued vacation time to do this work.

We do so, stewarding our time and effort to make it happen, because we believe it matters. For all the imperfections of this way of governance (and they are many!), taking the time and making this effort invites the Holy Spirit to work through us; to actually do some really good and important work, following Jesus in community. It's the way our church full of imperfect people strives imperfectly to serve a perfect God.

Please pray for us, and for the Episcopal Church over the next week, that this form of stewardship bears good, Gospel-centered fruit.

God's peace,
Jane+



Adult Education

This year in the Diocese of Spokane we have been focusing on listening – listening to God, listening to one another, and listening for God in the voices of others. Through the summer Adult Formation will focus on passages from scripture that reflect on the ways that God speaks and calls to us, and the ways that we human beings respond.

Please join us in the parish hall each Sunday at 9:15, as we open our Bibles and our hearts together.

July 7: Mark 6:1-6 – The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

July 14: John 8:2-11 – Jesus in the Temple

July 21: Mark 11:15-19, 27-33 – Jesus Cleanses the Temple and Faces Confrontation

July 28: Acts 6:1-15 - Seven Chosen to Serve

Children and Youth Ministries— July 2024

Sunday School will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8, 2024, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Godly Play is for children ages 4 through 5th grade and will meet in the Godly Play classroom in the education wing. Our Youth Class is for students in grades 6 through 12 and will meet in the Loft. Have a wonderful summer!

Children's Chapel continues through the summer.

Held during the beginning of the 10:15 service, Children's Chapel is a child-friendly Liturgy of the Word with time for play before coming up to join the rest of the congregation for Holy Communion. We meet in the multi-purpose room downstairs (also known as STAR Time). Kids age 3 up to 6th graders are welcome, as are friends and visitors. Please sign in your child when dropping them off.

Chapel is planned for every Sunday through the summer except July 28, when everyone will be upstairs for our VBS Sunday!

Nursery for the little ones. The Nursery is available during both Sunday services for our littlest saints, from birth until their 4th birthday. The Nursery is located downstairs in the education wing, and pagers are available for parents to take so our attendants can contact you if needed. Jennifer Martin and Nathan Bartol are our regular caregivers.

VBS Prep Day: July 16. Thanks to all the people who came to our June prep days! We have a few more things to get ready this week before VBS, and will begin some of the decorating, so come anytime between 10:00 and 3:00 on this day to help.

VBS Volunteer Meeting and Set-up, July 21. There will be a final meeting with all VBS volunteers after church on Sunday, July 21 (starting approximately 12 noon), followed by setting up the rooms and decorating for the week! T-shirts will be distributed to volunteers. Sandwich fixings will be provided, or feel free to bring your own lunch.

Scholarships for Camp Cross. We want everyone to be able to enjoy all that our diocesan camp has to offer. Any student attending Camp Cross for the first time is eligible for a full scholarship from All Saints' First Timer Fund. Returning campers can apply for a full or partial scholarship from the Robison Fund. Contact Theresa Grate in the church office for more information. Camp session information is available on the website www.campcross.org.

VBS 2024 - "Seeds of Faith"



Vacation Bible School is July 22–26, 2024!

Our theme for this summer's VBS at All Saints' is "**Seeds of Faith.**" Seeds are the promise of new life! We will be studying, sprouting, planting, eating, and creating with seeds, and hearing all kinds of Bible stories with seeds! We are planning TWO optional evening field trips during the week, for families to attend together, and we will end the week with a potluck lunch and sing for our families. Our mission project will be raising money for a new tree in the back lot at All Saints'. We will also sing one of our songs in church on Sunday, July 28.

VBS will be held July 22–26, from 9 AM to noon, Monday through Friday, and is open to campers age 4 through 6th graders (just finished 5th grade). The cost is \$15 per camper, with a maximum cost of \$40 for a family. Camperships are available if needed—we want everyone to come to VBS! Invite your friends! **It is not too late to join us! Register now** at <https://form.jotform.com/241156260012037>

VBS would not happen without all of our wonderful volunteers, so if you are a youth in 7th–12th grade, or an adult, and can help at VBS this summer, please contact Theresa. A few group leaders and science and craft leaders are still needed.

Contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org with any questions.



Wanted for VBS:

- dried beans, corn, lentils, and other smaller seeds (these are for an art project—they can be old, and partial bags of things in your cupboard)
 - nylon stockings (runs in the stocking are OK)
 - individual-serving-size plastic yogurt containers (please wash)
 - 24-ounce glass jars with lids (like a spaghetti sauce jar)—please wash them well!
 - food list is in the narthex!
 - your time! (we are still in need of a few volunteers for the week; it is helpful but not necessary to be here every day during the week—please talk with Theresa)
- Bring your donations to the church office or give to Theresa on a Sunday.

Saints and Sinners

Saints and Sinners is a Social Group open to all adults. If you've never tried it we would love to have you. If you have tried it we would love to have you back. We meet for a pot-luck supper and fellowship once each month or two, normally on the second Friday of the month. We will be meeting **Friday, July 13** at Linda Munson's home, 334 Columbia Point Drive, Unit 301. We will meet at 6:00 for wine and non-alcoholic beverages, with dinner at 7:00.

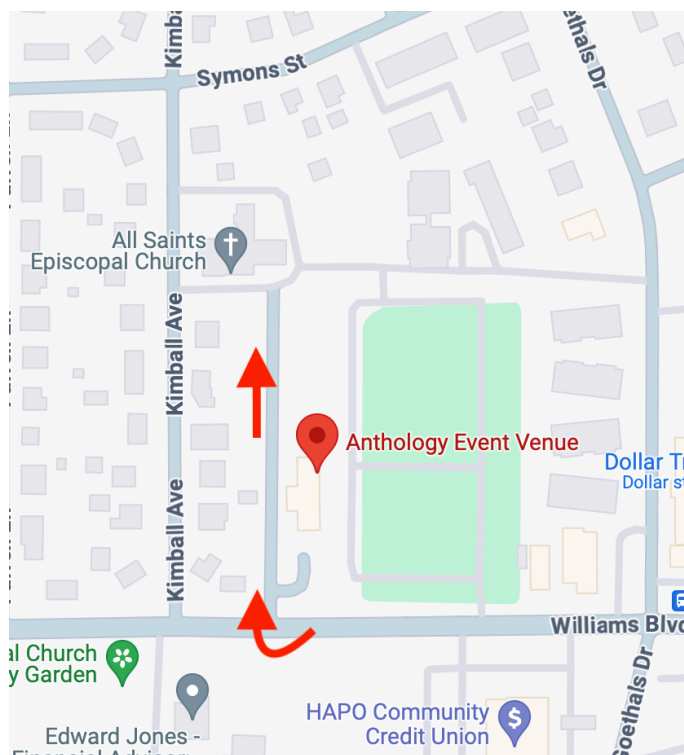
Couples please bring either a main dish or two of the following: starter, salad, side dish or dessert. Singles, please bring one of these. Also, please bring your own table services and a \$5 donation if you

would like wine. Please call Linda by Wednesday July 9 to let her know you are coming and also if you need directions. (Call or text 509-521-8981 or email leomunson@msn.com)

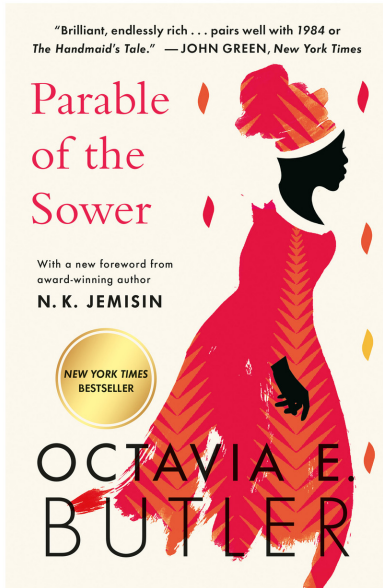
To get to Linda's: turn toward the river at Winco, onto Columbia Point Drive, and after you pass the left turn onto Bradley, start counting driveways on the left. Pass two white driveways (one is blocked). Pass a red driveway and turn into the next white driveway. (If you get to a second red driveway or Bud's Broiler you have passed it). There are walls on both sides reading "The Moorings" and Richland Yacht Club. Turn in, go around the round-a-bout, park either in the Yacht Club (shared) parking or take the third exit and pick any open space not in front of a driveway. Go to the far stairway on the building that is left of the turning circle as you enter it. Take Linda's phone number and she will help you get found.

Kimball Ave. Closure: July 3rd

Heads up if you are headed to church on Wednesday, July 3rd: Kimball Ave. will be closed to traffic for road work. If you need to come to the church, you may enter through the driveway of Anthology Event Center on Williams Blvd. The gate to our parking lot will be open from 6am Wed. through Thursday.



All Saints' Book Group



Our next book to read is Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower*, a post-apocalyptic novel written in 1993, which is set beginning in July of ... 2024.

Society has grown unstable due to climate change, growing wealth inequality, and corporate greed (hmmm). Fifteen-year-old Lauren

Olamina lives inside a gated community in California with her family, sheltered from the surrounding anarchy. Lauren sees the world crumbling around her, and her fight for survival leads to the birth of a new faith, and a startling vision of human destiny. *Parable of the Sower* has won numerous book awards, including being the top science fiction nomination for the best book of the last 125 years.

We will meet to discuss the book on **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**, beginning with a potluck at 6 PM in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Outreach Focus for July: Grace Clinic

For July, the Outreach Committee is once again collecting new bottles of sunscreen and tubes of lip balm for Grace Clinic. Grace Clinic is the only free clinic in the Tri-Cities providing medical, dental, and mental health services to uninsured adults in our community.

Grace Clinic began operating in 2002, founded by two local physicians who saw a need to provide medical care for low-income, uninsured residents of



Benton and Franklin counties. The clinic is operated primarily by healthcare volunteers who donate their time (find out more about volunteering at gracecliniconline.org). The vast majority of the clinic's patients work in low wage jobs for employers who do not offer medical benefits.

Grace Clinic's stated goals include "to look beyond the medical treatment of disease to seek healing for the whole person" and "to uphold and defend the dignity and value of every human as created in God's image." Grace Clinic gives some of their patients healthy food from their food cupboard when needed, and last year began offering sunscreen to field workers (not being a food item, it is not covered by SNAP benefits) to help prevent skin cancer. Please bring sunscreen and lip balm to the box in the narthex during July and we will get it to Grace Clinic to distribute. Thank you!

You've Got Mail!

Are you going away to school? We'll miss you here, but we'd love to send you mail occasionally during the school year. If you're interested in getting some mail, it's easy—just send your school snail mail address to the church office or the Pastoral Care team c/o Marjie Mack at mmack3108@comcast.net.



All Saints' Memorial Pavilion

"Indeed over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain." Isaiah 4:5b-6

Your vestry has started the process of replacing our worn out temporary shelter on the back lawn with a permanent pavilion. Because we are in a residential neighborhood we are limited to 1200 square feet. The vestry has allocated funds for the initial engineering and has authorized the Property Committee to enter into a contract for the pavilion with the funds from the "undesignated memorials"

fund. The pavilion will be on a paved slab adjacent to the parking lot, hopefully with a storage building between it and the garage.

You may see some stakes on the back lot marking the pavilion, storage building and concrete pad. We will be giving updates periodically as details become available. We are excited for what this will mean for our Church family and the many other organizations and neighbors that use our facilities. We anticipate providing an opportunity for others to make donations and memorialize their loved ones but these are among the many details that are being worked out at the present time.

Camp Cross 2024

Register soon for upcoming camp sessions! You can find out more about each session under the Sessions tab at campcross.org.

Note: the Outdoor Adventure Camp is for high school youth, the Young Adult weekend is for adults ages 19-29, and Queer Camp is an LGBTQ+ affirming camp session for the whole family.

Mini Camp: June 30–July 2, 2024

Days at the Lake: July 3-6, 2024

Intermediate Camp: July 7-12, 2024

Arts Camp: July 14-19, 2024

Outdoor Adventure Camp: July 21-26, 2024

Mid High Camp: July 28–August 2, 2024

Senior High Camp: August 4-10, 2024

Young Adult Weekend: August 22-25, 2023

Labor Day Family Camp: August 30–September 2, 2024

Queer Camp - September 6-8, 2024

All Saints' Parish Retreat!

August 30 - September 2: Time to pack our bags and bring the church family to Camp Cross for a stay on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Family Camp/Parish Retreat is for campers of all ages and all Camp Cross experience levels. Reconnect with God and nature,

introduce the youngsters and oldsters to Camp Cross, take a dip in the lake, sing songs at campfire, take a family hike and relax.

Rev. Jane Schmoetzer & Katy O'Callaghan will provide some family-friendly programming and formation for both youth and adults and we'll even provide some children-free time for adults! It's a great way to spend a holiday weekend. Register today at campcross.org.

Summer Movie Nights

Once again All Saints' is offering a Christian Social Witness movie series through the summer! Please mark your calendars, and join us once each month at 6:00 PM for a potluck supper followed by a film and lively discussion. Thanks to all who participated in the June 20th showing of *Amazing Grace*! Here's what's coming in the next few months:



July 18: *"The Philadelphia Eleven"*

Meet the women whose desire to follow God's call leads them and their supporters to organize their ordination as Episcopal priests in 1974, and builds a movement to challenge and transform age-old institutions within the Church.



August 22: *"Bad Faith"*

This award-winning documentary delves into the origins of Christian Nationalism, and highlights the grassroots coalition of secular and interfaith leaders bravely confronting the unholy forces using the language of faith in an organized grasp for power.

Walk in Love: Year-Round Stewardship

For this year's Stewardship Campaign, we are using The Episcopal Network for Stewardship's (TENS) theme, "Walk in Love," based on Year B in the lectionary cycle. Shannon Whitaker, a member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Cambria Heights, NY, reflects on authenticity in stewardship:



"As followers of Christ, we are called to engage in worship with authenticity and sincerity. Our devotion calls us to anchor ourselves in the

unwavering love of Jesus and to radiate that boundless love to all corners of the earth. This, undeniably, forms the bedrock of stewardship. In my Jamaican cultural upbringing, the act of giving transcends mere action; it embodies a language of love. On many occasions around the Sunday dinner table, the sweet aroma of food gracefully breaks the silence, reminding me of the profound exchange of God's unwavering familial love.

God reveals the depth of Christ's love for us through the people who grace our lives - the ones who selflessly sacrifice for our well-being, and those for whom we willingly do the same. Giving is not just a monetary task. Giving is a heart task. It's something that all of us are called to do, for the kingdom of God to flourish, and for the walking, living testimonies that surround us in our lives.

So what does it mean to truly "walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God?" For me, it means embodying sacrificial love in our everyday lives, extending grace and compassion to those around us, just as Christ did. It means seeking reconciliation and peace in all circumstances, being willing to step out of our comfort zones to minister to the marginalized, the oppressed, and the brokenhearted. Sharing the good news of salvation not only through our words but also through our actions, demonstrating God's love through tangible acts of kindness and generosity.

We need to live a life that reflects the transformative power of Christ's love, allowing His love to permeate every aspect of our being and overflow in to the lives of those around us."

We Give Thanks...

- to the Men's Group, and especially the Goheens, for heading up another annual yard sale, and to everyone who donated their time and efforts to make it a success.
- to Elizabeth Arnold for heading up the Youth tables at the Yard Sale, along with helpers Rachael Black; Andi, Miriam, and Iris Slonecker; John, Jack, Eva, and Scarlett Spencer; and Marlo and Lilly Wallace. Thanks to everyone who brought items or bought items, and to Ann and Mike O'Neill who carted away the leftovers! Youth Ministry made over \$650.00!
- To Karl Hedlund for 12 years of faithful service as our Music Director. The choir squirrels will sure miss you, but we hope you enjoy some extra time with your family.
- to those who have come to work at the June VBS Prep Days to help us get ready: Bea Wardlow, Cheryl Smith, Kathleen King, Katy O'Callaghan, Marjie Mack, George Spencer, Andrea Aldous, Liz Carter, Ann Barry, Richelle Wilde, Jan & Al Wells, Athena Pelly, Diane Goheen, Rachael Black, and Karin Hilgert.
- to everyone who took the time to fill out the Spiritual Life Inventory from RenewalWorks. Our Building Bridges, Healing Divides committee appreciates your time!

