

October 2024

Rector's Corner

Whether we call it fall or autumn, it's here! The warm days and crisp, cool evenings; the leaves turning colors and falling to the ground; and even the "pumpkin spice" scents and flavors suddenly appearing everywhere, that herald what may well be my favorite time of year (at least until the next one comes along!).

I know there are parts of the world where the weather doesn't change very much over the year. A marked consistency of climate is what makes places like Hawaii such popular destinations; one can visit "paradise" any time of year. But I have always lived in places with distinct seasons.

I must admit that I have done my share of grumbling when the weather patterns that mark the seasons have not cooperated with my plans: spring rain that turns a pleasant hike into a slog, or a winter snowstorm that snarls traffic, or a summer heatwave that scorches my garden plants.

The thing is, I've also learned such challenges all come with their own opportunities as well.

We've clearly experienced this at All Saints'. Two years ago, we had some bitter cold weather here in the Tri-Cities. We could have groused about the dangerous temperatures and the commensurate rise in utility bills, locked the doors, and gone home. However, we chose another path. We made the spontaneous decision to open our parish hall as an emergency warming shelter, to share what we had—even though it was not everything that was needed, even though it seemed inadequate. We simply offered what we could, and prayed. In doing so, we not only cared for others in Jesus' name; we experienced tremendous generosity in return.

Our response to that cold snap meant we received far more than we gave, from our guests as well as our neighbors, in sometimes unexpected ways that we would never have known otherwise. We've built connections and relationships in our community. We've seen Jesus.

Isn't it grand, the way the Holy Spirit works?

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Tim 4:10

God's peace,
Jane+

Day of the Dead: October 27

El Dia de los Muertos

(The Day of the Dead)

is celebrated each year on Nov. 1st and 2nd, when families honor their loved ones who have died.

This holiday has its origins in ancient

Mesoamerican cultures that blended with those of Spanish

Catholic conquistadors, who arrived in Mexico in the early 1500s. The Aztecs believed that life and death were the forces of the earth and a natural part of the cycle of regeneration. Bodies die and go back to being part of the earth. Rituals developed to honor the souls of the departed, including leaving food, burning incense, and making an *ofrenda*/offering.



The Spanish encouraged the indigenous people to practice these rituals on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. The Day of the Dead is the joyful holiday that resulted, meant to welcome and honor the souls of the dead. Today, people build the altars in their homes, decorated with candles, flowers, and lots of food. Trips to the cemetery involve cleaning the graves, eating, and all-night parties with live music and memorable stories.

All Saints' continues to celebrate the Day of the Dead and the saints who have come before us. We will have an altar set up in the parish hall: please bring your pictures of loved ones who have died, along with a favorite item/food of theirs, to add to this altar. You will have the opportunity to share a story on October 27 during the education hour. This altar will remain up through November 3 (All Saints' Sunday) and you may leave your items on it for the week.

On October 27, we will have a combined education hour for all ages from 9 to 10 AM, and we will start with a Godly Play-style story about the Day of the Dead. Following the story, you will be invited to share your stories at the *ofrenda*, and work on traditional crafts (sugar skulls, flowers, skeletons, *papel picado*). Day of the Dead is a wonderful way to remember the saints who have come before us.

Outreach Fall Fundraiser - Bingo and Silent Auction

It's time for the annual Outreach Fundraiser! This year, based on your survey responses, we've planned a Bingo Party and Silent Auction! Join us on **Saturday, October 12** in the parish hall from 3-5pm for appetizers, desserts, and fun for all ages.

One bingo card will cost \$10, with a maximum of \$40 per family. We've got bingo prizes for everyone from kids to adults. In between rounds of bingo, bid on some great items in the silent auction!



This event benefits our Outreach Ministry that provides much needed support throughout our community. Stay tuned next month to hear more about the organizations your donations help support.

Blessing of the Pets

St. Francis of Assisi is best remembered for his faithful witness to God's love for all creation. It's become our custom to follow his example by acknowledging the importance of our animal companions and asking God's blessing on them. Bring your furry, feathered, scaly, spiny, or slithery friends, properly restrained for everyone's comfort, to All Saints' annual Pet Blessing. We'll gather on the labyrinth on **Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 PM**. Hope to see you and your friends there!



Children and Youth Ministries— October 2024

Godly Play is our Sunday school program for young children in preschool and elementary school. They meet in the Godly Play classroom on Sundays from 9 to 10 AM. Visitors and friends are always welcome. Good stories are worth repeating!

Our Godly Play stories this month are:

- Oct. 6—The Great Family;
- Oct. 13—The Story of Sarah;
- Oct. 20—Exodus;
- Oct. 27—Day of the Dead.

Youth Class. Youth in middle and high school meet on Sunday mornings in the loft from 9 to 10 AM. During the month of October we will pick back up the book *When Stars are Scattered*, by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed. This graphic novel is based on the life of Omar and his younger brother

who grew up in a refugee camp in Kenya. We had some great discussions last spring when we started this book, and wanted to give it the time it deserved. We will start with a recap, and read a portion each week in class, followed by discussion. Books are available if youth wish to take one home to read.

Halloween candy needed. Any donations of wrapped Halloween candy would be much appreciated for our neighborhood trick-or-treat and for the Trunk or Treat at the Early Learning Center. Please drop off in the church office or bring on a Sunday, no later than October 20.

Youth Group, October 20, 5 to 7 PM. All young people in grades 6 through 12 are invited to come to these monthly in-person gatherings, and friends are welcome. We start with dinner and end with Compline, with activities and service projects in between. This month we will be making preparations for Day of the Dead and Halloween. If you would like to be on the Youth Group email list, contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org.

Trunk or Treat at ELC, October 25. All Saints' will be sponsoring a trunk at Trunk or Treat at the Early Learning Center in Richland on the evening of October 25, beginning about 5:30 PM. If you are interested in helping out (youth or adults), please see Theresa for details.

Treats for the Community, October 31. All Saints' will be "open" for trick-or-treating to our neighbors beginning at 4:00 PM on Thursday the 31st in the narthex. If you would like to help pass out candy, please contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org. And if you are out trick-or-treating that night, stop by and show us your costume!



Youth Retreat, November 1–3 at the Cathedral. This is a diocesan wide retreat for youth, spending two nights at St. John's Cathedral in Spokane. It will be similar to New Beginnings, but different! It will still have small and large group activities, games, songs, and more! More details should be at spokanediocese.org soon.

If you are interested in attending but need a ride to Spokane, please talk with Theresa!

Outreach Focus for October: Sent to Serve

Sent to Serve is a ministry bringing a new mobile shower trailer to our houseless neighbors in the Tri-Cities. A couple times a month they have been setting the trailer up in different communities around town on a Saturday, providing lunch, showers, clothing, hygiene items, pet supplies, bus tickets, and kindness.



Last time, they fed 100 people and 42 took showers. Outreach would like to help supply them (we have offered our church grounds, but so far they have chosen other areas). For October we are collecting clean, warm clothing for men and women, underwear (size small to 3X, men's and women's), adult socks, daypacks, and 8 x 10-foot tarps. Please bring your donations to the box in the narthex.

Sent to Serve is always looking for volunteers to help out with this ministry: contact Carole at 509-619-2780 if you would like to volunteer.

Fall Ministry Fair

All Saints' internal ministry fair is **October 13** at the coffee hour after each service. This is each ministry's opportunity to tell the congregation about what it does, and it's a great opportunity to learn how each of us can use our gifts to serve.

If your ministry would like a table, please contact Kim Kremer at kmkremer@gmx.com or 509-251-9353 (text or call) and let her know how much space you need - one table, two tables, or can you share a table? - and how many chairs you'd like at your space. **Note:** The Outreach fundraiser is the afternoon before, so we will need to wait until after it's ended to set up tables.

Small Group Hosts Needed!

How would you like to host a 6-week Bible Study on the Book of Psalms? This study might be held in your living room, at church, or online Zoom. You decide with your participants the days, times, and location that will work best. As a facilitator, orientation to the material and how to host a small group (up to 8 people) will be provided. The study materials have been developed by Rev. Jane and will provide greater understanding and appreciation of the Psalms.

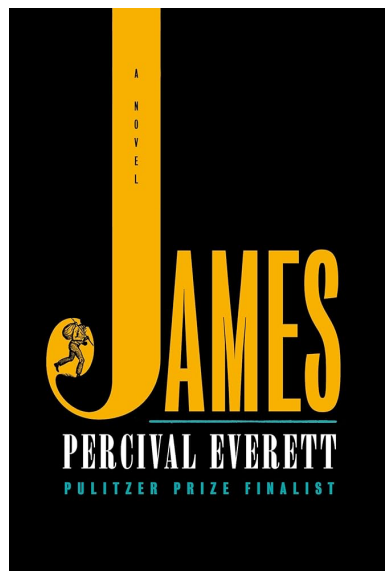
Please contact Layna Kinsman if you might be interested in offering this study during the Advent/Christmas season that begins the first week of December.

All Saints' Book Group

Our next book to read is *James: A Novel*, by Percival Everett. This book was published in March of this year, and has been an instant *New York Times* bestseller, and appears on many "best" lists. It is an

action-packed reimagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

When Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a



plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father. As readers of American literature know, thus begins the journey down the Mississippi River by raft.

As Jim and Huck encounter storms, death, treasure and scam artists, Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion are shown in a radically new light. "Clever, soulful, and full of righteous rage, Jim's long-silenced voice resounds through this remarkable novel ... a modern classic."—*Esquire*

We will meet to discuss this book on **Tuesday, October 15**, beginning with a potluck at 6 PM in the multi-purpose room. Please join us! All are welcome. Contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org if you would like to get on the Book Group list.

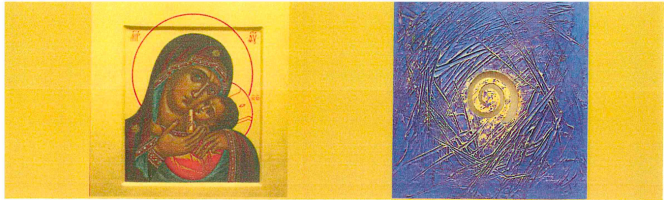


Save the Date: Fall Book Sale

Speaking of books... Save the date (and especially your books!) for the upcoming Used Book Sale! In order to make it a success we need your gently used books, puzzles, and DVDs. Donations will be accepted the week prior to the sale.

The book sale will run on **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9**, with a "last chance" bargain priced sale the following Sunday morning. The proceeds of this year's sale will once again benefit both the Men's Group and Outreach Committee. Spread the word and plan to stock up on lots of great new reads to support the work of these two wonderful ministries.

Stay tuned for more details and a volunteer sign-up sheet! If you have any questions, want to help out, or need to arrange a pick-up time for your donations, please contact Rachel Loer in the church office at admin@allsaintsrichland.org.



St. James' Episcopal Church
1410 NE Stadium Way, Pullman, WA
is hosting

ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION

An exhibit of 100 contemporary works by internationally acclaimed abstract expressionist, Ludmila Pawlowska, along with traditional Russian icons on loan from the Vassilevsky Monastery.

September 15 - November 6, 2024

Sundays	1:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Fridays	4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

or by appointment
Admission is free

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. We will be meeting **Friday, October 11**, at the home of Joyce McClanahan, 418 Shaw St., Richland. 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 bring one of these. Also, please bring your own table services and a \$5 donation if you would like wine. Please call Joyce by Wednesday October 9 to let her know you are coming and also if you need directions (Call 509-375-0224). Hope to see you there!

Fall Gathering Day

Every fall we gather in our regions to share in formation and fellowship, learning and sharing. This year we will be gathering by Zoom on **October 12, from 10am- noon**, to learn from Canon Stephanie Spellers (Canon to the Presiding Bishop) about engaging in deep listening and conversation.

The program "From Many, One: Conversations across Difference" is a program designed to help us learn how to engage our family, friends, and neighbors in meaningful ways that create hospitable, respectful, and generous space for story sharing. All are invited to join in this important learning. "Speak Lord, we are listening" – come learn another way to listen and love our neighbors.

The Zoom meeting ID and passcode can be found on the diocesan website: spokanediocese.org.



Icons in Transformation Trip

All Saints' is hiring a charter bus to take a group to see the Icons in Transformation exhibit at St. James' in Pullman. This 100-piece art exhibit features the contemporary work of Ludmila Pawloska alongside traditional Russian icons. Admission is free and the show is on view through November 6th. You are encouraged to go see the show if you can, and welcome to travel with us on October 26th if you don't want to drive yourself.

On **Saturday, October 26**, we will be leaving All Saints' parking lot at 9:30 AM, arriving in Pullman at 12:00 noon. Bring your own sack lunch, we will have coolers available to store drinks and will eat at St. James'. We have made arrangements to view the show from 1:00 to 3:30 with a docent, and will return to Richland at 6:00 PM. Cost for the bus is \$70 per person—if you can pay the whole amount, great, but we can subsidize the cost if needed; scholarship money is available.

Sign-up in the narthex or call the church office, 509-943-1169, if you would like to ride the bus. We can take 54 people, so invite your friends!

Presiding Bishop Investiture

Everyone is invited to virtually attend the investiture of our new presiding bishop-elect Sean Rowe! Please see the following announcement from The Episcopal Church office:

“In this historic and joyful season, we invite you to pray for guidance for our church and our new presiding bishop as he leads us in envisioning the reign of God in our midst. May our celebration unite us as a sacramental community, and may we be filled with new energy to bear witness to God’s work of redemption.



- **Who:** Everyone is invited!
- **What:** The Episcopal Church will officially welcome the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as its 28th presiding bishop with a smaller, simpler investiture service aimed at reducing carbon footprint and increasing churchwide virtual participation.
- **When:** **Nov. 2**, with a prelude featuring a “roll call” of diocese starting at 9:30am ET. The service itself starts at 11am ET.
- **Where:** The service will be livestreamed here (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/investiture/>) and on The Episcopal Church’s Facebook page. A recording will be posted and distributed after the service.

Visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/investiture/> for more resources, including an invitation from our current Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, a worship booklet, and a children’s page.”

Diocesan Convention Oct. 18-20

The annual Convention of the Diocese of Spokane is taking place this year at St. John’s Cathedral in Spokane on **October 18-20**. This is the annual

meeting for our diocese, and includes necessary business, worship, and formation. All Saints’ is sending 4 lay delegates as well as our clergy.

This year the program part of Convention features a guest speaker, Arienne Davison, who has practiced and taught about Intercultural Ministry. Convention programming is being live-streamed this year, so you can watch at home! (Find the link at spokanediocese.org)

Convention also features two free events open to all diocesan members - that’s you! On Oct. 18 you are invited to join a Braver Angels workshop, “Depolarizing Ourselves,” at St. Stephen’s (please RSVP for this by Oct. 15). That same evening, there will be a screening of “The Philadelphia Eleven” at the cathedral. Details, including times and addresses, can be found on the convention page of spokanediocese.org.



We Give Thanks...

- to Bill Powell for repairing the cabinet door in the multi-purpose room!
- to Steve Goheen and Bill Powell for securing Elsie Bradley’s shed.
- to all y’all (17 people!) who came to the work party to clean out Elsie Bradley’s home to get it ready for sale.
- to the Rev. Shanna Hawks for gracing us with her presence and preaching during her recent vacation back home.
- to everyone who donated at VBS for our new Redpointe Maple, and to Job’s Nursery in Pasco for planting it.
- to Theresa Grate, Jane & Bruce Schmoetzer, and Linda Munson for cleaning up and restoring the playground after multiple incidents of vandalism.