

March 2025

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Before we begin the somber season of Lent, let's make merry and eat! The Men's Group will host their annual Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, March 4**. Come anytime between 5 and 7pm to eat seemingly bottomless pancakes and sausage, put on beads, and celebrate! Children and children-at-heart are invited to create the butterflies that will decorate our garden at Easter.

Come one, come all, and invite a friend! The Pancake Supper is free of charge, although donations towards the Men's Group are always appreciated.



Ash Wednesday, March 5

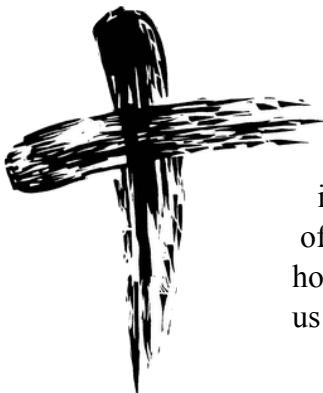
“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 5. We will kneel before the altar, have ashes placed on our foreheads, and hear this powerful refrain.

There are three opportunities to worship with us this Ash Wednesday:

12 pm (contemplative),
4:30pm (family-friendly)
7pm (music & choir).

Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes will be offered at all 3 services. We hope you can make time to join us at one of these.



Rector's Corner

I am very excited about a new opportunity we're developing to grow deeper in faith together!

Several months ago, All Saints' was invited to be part of a diocesan grant initiative called "Building Bridges, Healing Divides." As a key part of that initiative, everyone in our parish was asked to complete a RenewalWorks Spiritual Life Inventory (SLI) survey.

The results indicated that *"parishioners have an impressive and strong sense of serving their local community. Overall satisfaction with the church and the church leadership is also strong and parishioners are committed and energized by the church opportunities provided."* At the same time, they indicated a real desire for additional spiritual growth opportunities, especially in the areas of "spiritual beliefs and attitudes" and "personal spiritual practices."

Based on these findings, a small group of parish leaders have been working on developing a program that we're calling **"Building Bridges Between Believers,"** or **"B4"** (because who doesn't love a good nickname?) to offer opportunities for learning, prayer, and building up Christ-centered spiritual lives.

B4 will ask for a commitment of one year. During that time, all participants will meet monthly in person as a group. This monthly gathering will be a time of connection, formation & reflection, sharing, and prayer. It will include Bible study, a focus on some aspect of Episcopal/Christian doctrine (Grace, the Trinity, the Role of Scripture, the Creeds, etc),

and the introduction of a spiritual practice (contemplative prayer, prayer beads, journaling, etc.).

In addition, participants will be placed in small “Companion circles” to share their walk in faith together, as spiritual companions with one another. Companions agree to connect weekly at some mutually agreeable time and fashion (by phone, in person, via Zoom) for prayer, encouragement, and accountability.

Opportunities to sign up will be available soon, so watch for them! Our first group meeting is scheduled for **Thursday evening, May 15**. If you have any questions or want further information as you discern whether to step into this important, life-giving work, please feel free to contact me; I’d love to speak with you.

God's peace,
Jane+

Children and Youth Ministries— March 2025

Godly Play in March. Godly Play is our education time for our elementary-age students. We meet each **Sunday at 9:00 AM**. We hear the story, wonder, work with materials in the room, feast and pray together. Come join us! March stories are:

March 2—Mystery of Easter (in the multi-purpose room)
March 9—Pretzel Sunday (see below)
March 16—Faces of Easter, part 1
March 23—Faces of Easter, part 2
March 30—No class (Spring Break).

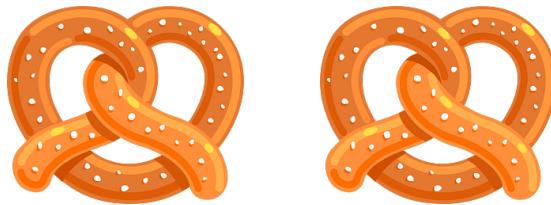
Youth Class during Lent. The youth class during March and early April will be exploring various Prayer Practices on **Sundays at 9:00 AM**. Come try meditation, walking the labyrinth, making and using prayer beads, *lectio divina*, and more. Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to join us in the loft, including visitors. (Note: no class on March 30 for Spring Break.)

Burning Palms, March 2. On this Sunday before Lent begins, we invite all ages to join us for the Godly Play story of the Mystery of Easter, to be followed by burning last year’s palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. You can bring your dried out palms from last year’s Palm Sunday and burn them to be used for the ashes. Meet in the multi-purpose room at 9:10 AM and bring your coat! All ages are invited to participate. You can also pick up your Lent at Home bags on this Sunday.

Family Ash Wednesday service, 4:30 PM, March 5. This family-friendly service for Ash Wednesday includes the imposition of ashes. Open to all ages.

Pretzels, March 9. On this first Sunday in Lent, the Godly Play and Youth classes will be making pretzels for us to eat at Coffee Hour! Meet in the parish hall at 9:00 AM.

The story goes that in the Middle Ages, a couple of monks made bread during Lent without lard, butter, eggs or milk—all of which come from animals and were forbidden, along with meat, during Lent. (This is also why we eat pancakes on the night before Lent begins, to use up the butter and eggs and milk.) The bread was shaped as “little arms praying” to remind us to pray more during Lent, and the traditional shape which has three holes reminds us of the Trinity.



Here at All Saints’ the Sunday school classes continue the tradition of Pretzels for Lent; making them one Sunday during class time and sharing them during coffee hour.

We do need dough and adult participation with this activity, so please sign up on the sheet in the narthex; recipes are available there, too.

Making Easter baskets in March. Any children, youth, parents, or other adults who would like to help make the paper baskets for residents of a local retirement home, we will have basket-making parties on Sundays in March, following both services. A table will be set up in the parish hall during Coffee Hour to work on the baskets. Our target is 100 baskets! Come make a few! All crafting abilities welcome!



Youth-Senior Tea, Saturday, March 22. Our “regular” March Youth Group gathering will be the Spring Youth-Senior Tea on Saturday, March 22. All youth in grades 6-12 who are participating with the Tea, should be at church by 10:00 AM to set up and prepare the food. The Tea is from 12 noon to 2 PM, and we should be done with clean up about 2:30.

Elder parishioners invited will be receiving their invitations soon; if you do not receive an invitation but would like to attend, please call the church office.

Candy needed for Easter Egg Hunt and senior baskets. We are now collecting donations of wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt and the senior baskets. Please no bags of loose jelly beans or malt balls, we can't use them. Please bring the candy to the church office, or give to Theresa, **no later than Sunday, April 13**, as we are stuffing the eggs and baskets that week.

Save the Date: VBS is July 14-18, 2025! Our theme for next summer's Vacation Bible School at All Saints' is **“The Great Family.”** We will be exploring how the church is a family and how we create that community and build those relationships. VBS will be held 9 AM to noon, Monday through Friday, and is open to campers age 4 up through 6th grade (just finished 5th grade).

If you are a youth in 7th–12th grade (or an adult!) and would like to help at VBS this summer, please

contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org . Save the dates and invite your friends!

Lent-At-Home Bags

Lent at Home bags contain a variety of material to help you observe a holy Lent at Home, for all ages. Filled with devotional material, Lent Madness information, a Lenten calendar, coloring pages, and some quieting prayer practices, the bags will be ready **March 2**. Pick one up when you come to church, or contact the office and one will be delivered to your door.

Help with Stations of the Cross!

Our parish is fortunate to own a unique set of the Stations of the Cross, created in a wide variety of media by artists in our own congregation. In preparation for Lent, these will be hung after the second service on **Sunday, March 2**.

The Altar Guild could use a few volunteers to help hang these works of art and the lamps which illuminate them. If you are interested in helping (and would enjoy the opportunity to get a close look at these works of art,) please contact Ann Barry at 509-366-0604 or barryann579@gmail.com.



Memorial for Al Haffner

Beloved All Saints' parishioner, Al Haffner, was a long-time chair of All Saints' Outreach Committee and an earnest supporter of Camp Cross. The Outreach Committee is currently collecting money in Al's name to be used at Camp Cross, either as scholarship money to send kids to camp, or to be used toward building the new retreat center at Camp.

We are collecting monies through March—if you would like to contribute, please mark your donation with “Haffner memorial.” Checks should be made to All Saints’. Outreach will combine all the contributions and get them to Camp in the Haffner name.

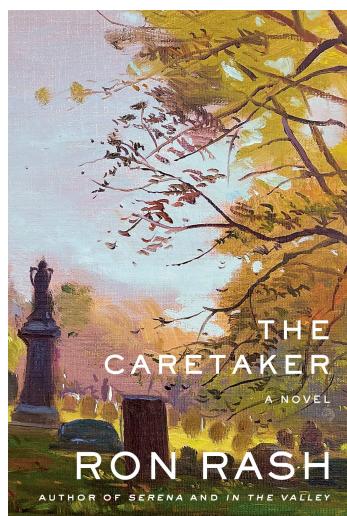
Al’s memorial service will be held at **2pm on Saturday, March 15th**, at All Saints’, with a reception to follow. Volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up are needed, as well as donations of food. Sign up in the narthex or contact Jill Gilbert or Michelle Smith if you can help.

All Saints’ Book Group

Our next book to read is *The Caretaker: A Novel*, by Ron Rash. This riveting 2024 book deals with themes of duty, family, honor, friendship, and love.

Blowing Rock, North Carolina, 1951. Blackburn Gant, his life irrevocably altered by a childhood case of polio, seems condemned to spend his life among the dead as the sole caretaker of a hilltop cemetery. It suits his withdrawn personality, and the inexplicable

occurrences that happen from time to time rattle him less than interactions with the living. But when his only friend, the kind but impulsive Jacob Hampton, is conscripted to serve overseas, Blackburn is charged with caring for Jacob’s young wife, Naomi, as well.



Jacob and Naomi’s elopement has scandalized the community and angered Jacob’s parents. Shunned by the townsfolk for their differences, and equally fearful that Jacob may never come home from the war, Blackburn and Naomi grow closer, even as a stunning betrayal shatters familial bonds.

We will meet to discuss the book on **Tuesday, April 8**, beginning at 6:00 PM with a potluck dinner. We will meet in the parish hall. Anyone is welcome to join in!

Contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org if you would like to be added to the book group email list (and get first notice of the next book to read!).

Outreach Focus for March: World Relief Tri-Cities

World Relief was notified that federal funding supporting resettled refugees in the U.S. has been suspended. This means families who have been promised refuge and life-saving services in our communities are now at risk of going hungry and homeless. Donations are needed to bring support to the active clients of Tri-Cities Word Relief and the 69 recently arrived refugees.

Items needed: toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, pots & pans, utensils, bakeware, mixing bowls, towels, bedding (twin & full), winter coats, hats, gloves, furniture (lamps, end tables, dining table/chairs, small dressers), cleaning supplies (dish soap, cleanser, mop, broom, trash bags), and personal care items (toothbrush/paste, soap, lotion, deodorant, shampoo, etc.). Cleaning and personal care items must be new; all other items may be gently used. An expanded donation list is available in the narthex.

The box for donations will be available in the narthex through the month of March. Thank you for supporting our refugee neighbors!

For cash donations to World Relief Tri-Cities, visit: <https://worldrelief.org/tricity/give-hope/>

If you are interested in volunteering your time for services such as transportation to essential appointments, work training, or assistance in finding work, etc., visit: <https://worldrelief.org/tricity/get-involved/volunteer/>



TRI-CITIES

Lenten End of Life Workshop

Steve Goheen and Ed Revell will lead an End of Life workshop in the All Saints' Library after the 10:15am Sunday service starting on **March 9th**, the first Sunday of Lent. The workshop is expected to meet weekly after the service for about an hour and conclude by mid-to-late May.

The first session will focus on brainstorming to develop a list of questions and issues attendees would like to have addressed before the workshop concludes. Each attendee will be provided a personal profile packet at the end of the first session to fill out the best they can until we meet again on March 30.

We plan to invite several guest speakers who are experts in their fields to discuss special topics. A full agenda will be available soon.

If you are interested in attending, please call the office or contact Steve (509-946-6626) or Ed (509-943-5144) to sign up so we know who plans to attend and how many copies to make.

Pavilion Update

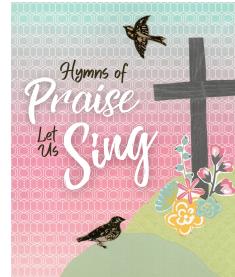
Driving into church this week, you might notice a very large patch of dirt in the back where grass used to be! We are excited to announce that progress is being made toward the new pavilion. Now that the sod has been removed, we expect construction to begin in March.

By the end of spring, we'll have a new covered pavilion, plus an adjoining storage/sacristy building. The pavilion will be available for VBS, parish picnics, outdoor worship services, social events, and more. The plans are posted in the narthex if you'd like a more detailed look at what's to come!

Easter Bulletin Covers

Artists of all ages: we would love to feature your artwork on our Easter bulletins. We've had some wonderful, home-grown art on our Christmas and Easter bulletins in the last year, and we want to

continue that tradition. Yes, you're right, Easter is not for another 7ish weeks, but this gives you plenty of time to plan out your design!



The art needs to be reproducible with a color copier onto a half-legal sheet (roughly 8.5" tall by 7" wide, or able to be reduced to that size effectively) and should reflect your take on the joy and wonder of the Resurrection.

If you're interested, please talk with Rev. Jane or call the office. We need submissions **by the week of April 6.**



(2024 covers, courtesy of the Loers and Gilberts)

Meet Your 2025 Vestry

After our Annual Meeting, All Saints' newly constituted vestry met in retreat on February 21-22, to spend some time coming together and developing priorities for the next year. Rev. Jane and Senior Warden Katy O'Callaghan (2026) will share leadership of the vestry as a whole. The remaining members (listed with the year their term of service ends), will divide their tasks as outlined:

Treasurer Elizabeth Arnold (2026), Jan Wells (2027), Kim Kremer (2027), and Bruce Gillespie (2028) serve on the Administration Team, responsible for primary oversight of financials (budget, balance sheet, etc.), personnel concerns, and working with the Finance committee to oversee the annual audit and fall pledge drive.

Junior Warden Linda Munson (2026), Marjie Mack (2027), Caleb Thomas (2028) and Bill Powell (2028) serve on the Property Team, responsible for care of our buildings and grounds. This includes maintenance, repairs, and facility improvements as needed.

Meg Milligan (2028), Layna Kinsman (2026), and Blake Sloanecker (2027) will serve on the Ministry Team, responsible for organizing the annual Ministry Fair, seasonal Small Groups, and “Tumbleweed Tasks” (opportunities for quick or short term service), as well as checking in with various parish ministries.

Our vestry meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00PM. Everyone in the parish is welcome and invited to attend any meeting. Please feel free to contact vestry members with your questions, comments, compliments, and concerns. We'd love to hear from you!

Camp Cross 2025

Dates have been released for this summer's camps! You can find out more about each session under the Sessions tab at campcross.org.

Leaders in Training (LIT): June 22-25

Days at the Lake: July 3-6

Mini Camp: July 8-11

Sr. High Camp: July 20-25

Arts and Music Camp: July 27 - August 1

Intermediate Camp: August 4-8

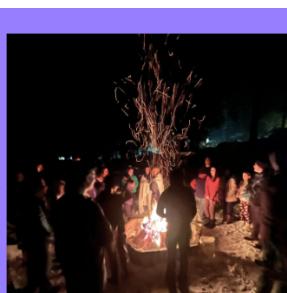
Mid-High Camp: August 11-16

Labor Day Family Camp: August 28 - September 1

Queer Camp: September 4-7

We Give Thanks...

- to the Youth Group for packing 50 Lent at Home bags!
- to Ava Barlow for making some new “medium” sized angel costumes for our Nativity Pageant.
- to Jill Gilbert for help designing a new money counter form and getting the ball rolling on the new directory formatting (yes, directories really will be coming soon!).
- to Linda Munson, Steve and David Goheen, and the Men's Group and Vestry, for their work on the upstairs bathrooms, including painting and overseeing the installation of new floors.
- to Katy O'Callaghan for being one of the leaders of the diocesan youth weekend, Winter Cross, and for driving a carload of All Saints' youth to the retreat. Looks like it was a fun weekend!



Here's a sneak peek into all the fun at Winter Cross! Thanks to Katy O'Callaghan for the photos.