

April 2025

Holy Week at All Saints'

Holy Week, the week-long series of services that honor Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, is the most sacred time of the church year. It begins on Palm Sunday, when we recount Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and concludes with the *Paschal Triduum* (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). And of course at the end we'll celebrate Easter Sunday with bells and much rejoicing!

There are many opportunities during Holy Week at All Saints' to worship and prepare our hearts for Easter. Services marked with an asterisk will also be live-streamed:

- **Palm Sunday:** April 13, 8 & 10:15am*
- **Maundy Thursday:** April 17, 7pm
- **Good Friday:** April 18, 12pm & Stations of the Cross, 7pm*
- **Great Vigil:** April 19, 8pm
- **Easter Sunday:** April 20, 8 & 10:15am*

Between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, you are also invited to participate in the Vigil at the Altar of Repose: parishioners may sign up to sit vigil with Christ for an hour between 8pm on Thursday and 12pm Friday; the sign up sheet is in the narthex.

If you have any questions about these services, please contact the church office or ask any of our clergy. We're happy to help!



Stations of the Cross, Apr. 18

Following the footsteps of Jesus - the Way of the Cross - became an important part of pilgrimages to Jerusalem. As early as the 5th century, "replicas" of these places began appearing in other lands, gradually becoming the Stations of the Cross seen inside many churches by the 17th century.

Sometimes, the Stations are set up outside on the grounds of a church or monastery. This was often a way for people to make a pilgrimage of sorts without the cost, time, or danger involved in traveling to the Holy Land. Traditionally, people move from one station to the next, accompanied by readings and prayers.

All Saints' worship space, with its lack of side aisles, makes traveling from station to station impossible for a group, so here, the congregants sit and the presenters move. The children and youth will be joined by the choir to present the Stations of the Cross for the parish on **Good Friday, April 18 at 7 PM**. We hope you'll be able to join us for this powerful service, whether in-person or via livestream on our website.

Rector's Corner

Do you receive our *Wednesday Word* weekly email? I hope so! It's always chock full of information about upcoming events and opportunities to learn, serve, pray, and grow in faith. If you're not yet on the mailing list, you can sign up by clicking [here](#); or you can contact Administrator Rachel Loer, who will be happy to help you.

One consistent feature of the *Wednesday Word* is a reflection on the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings. These have been written by many people over time, both clergy and laity. For the last several

months, they have been contributed by a growing number of parishioners; people from all walks of life and a variety of faith backgrounds.

I never fail to be drawn in by these brief meditations. It feels like spending a few moments in conversation with a faithful friend. Every time, the writer asks a question or offers an insight that stirs my own contemplation. Often they see something I may have missed, or offer inspiration in a way I do not expect.

It's also a reminder of the importance not only of reading scripture, but doing so in community. Reading the Bible on our own is an important practice; however, sharing the "variety of gifts" that God places in our hearts and minds is absolutely key to a fuller understanding of the Holy Spirit's presence and leading.

So I am grateful for each and every one of our "reflectors," and for the contemplations they share. If you'd like to join their number, we always have room for more.

God's peace,
Jane+

Children and Youth Ministries— April 2025

Godly Play in April. Godly Play is our education time for our younger students, ages 3 through 5th grade. We meet each **Sunday at 9:00 AM** in the Godly Play classroom. We hear the story, wonder, work with materials in the room, feast and pray together. Come join us! April stories are:

April 6—Faces of Easter
April 13—Jesus and the 12
April 20—Easter—No Class
April 27—Good Shepherd and World Communion

Youth Class in April. The Youth Class will continue their exploration of various Prayer Practices during their Sunday school class time this month, from 9 to 10 AM. Come try meditation, walking the labyrinth, making and using prayer beads, and more. Anyone in

grades 6-12 is welcome to join us in the loft, including visitors. (Note: no class on April 20 for Easter.)

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.

Rehearsal for Stations of the Cross, April 13. Beginning at noon in the nave, we will assign readings and parts, and practice for the Stations of the Cross to be presented to the congregation on **Good Friday, April 18, at 7 PM.** The choir will be joining us again this year! Anyone who wishes to take part in the actions MUST be present at this rehearsal. This will be our ONLY PRACTICE. There are non-speaking parts for anyone in preschool or older, plus 2 to 4 youth readers are needed. This service is designed for children, but loved by adults as well. We also will need a couple of parents "back stage" for tech support. Get a bite to eat at coffee hour, and plan to stay for rehearsal until 1:30 PM.

If you are unable or don't want to participate, I do hope you will come experience the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Stuffing baskets and eggs, April 15. We will be stuffing the eggs for the Hunt and the baskets for the retirement home on this Tuesday starting at 10:00 AM in the multi-purpose room until 2:00 PM. Come anytime during this time to help out; bring a lunch if you wish. Adults only, please.



Delivering Easter baskets, Saturday, April 19. We will be delivering the Easter baskets we made to some lucky local seniors on this day before Easter. If you would like to help pass them out, please see Theresa for more details. This is a great family project!

There will be NO Sunday School or Children's Chapel on April 20 for Easter. There will be a Children's Sermon at the 10:15 Easter service, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt after church. You are welcome to bring your own Easter basket for the hunt!

Easter Egg Hunt, April 20. Following the 10:15 Easter service we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children and parents should meet in the multi-purpose room downstairs after the service to get some guidelines for the hunt, while the Easter bunnies finish hiding the eggs. You are encouraged to bring your own basket, but we will have some extras if you forget. Our egg hunt is for all kids up through 5th graders.

Book Presentations, April 27. We will be presenting our 3rd graders with Bibles and our 4th graders with Books of Common Prayer during the 10:15 service on this Sunday. Current students should have received an email about this. If you would like to receive a Bible or Prayer Book, please contact Theresa.

Youth Group, April 27, 5-7 PM. Our Youth Group will be meeting this evening to share a meal together, work on a service project, and have some fun. Youth Group is for middle and high school students, and friends are welcome! Dinner is included, and we end with Compline.

Save the Date: VBS is July 14-18, 2025! Our theme for next summer's Vacation Bible School at All Saints' is **"God's 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). Registration will open soon. Invite your friends!

VBS would not happen without all of our wonderful volunteers, so 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.

We will have a volunteer meeting on **Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM** in the multi-purpose room. Please plan to attend if you want to find out all the ways you can help with our VBS this summer or want to know more about what we will be doing.



Wanted for VBS:

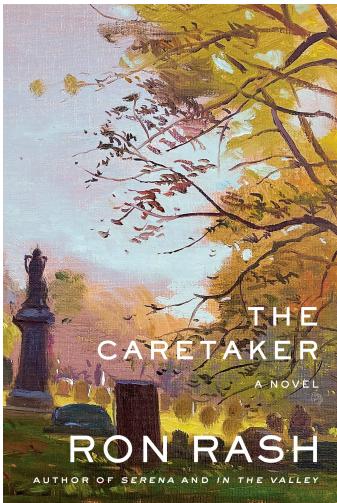
These items can be dropped off in the church office, or brought in on a Sunday:

- plastic bottle caps, but only in COLORS (no black, white or clear, please!) We especially need ORANGE and YELLOW.
- half pint (approx. 8 ounces) clear glass jars with a tight fitting lid. We will be using these to make snow globes, and they can be canning jars (we can get lids for the canning jars), or small recycled jars with their lids. The shorter, rounder jars are ideal!
- potholder looms (if you would like yours back, please make sure it has your name on it).

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.



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!).

Altar Guild Workdays: Palm Sunday & Easter

Many hands make light work (and an opportunity to socialize). You are invited to assist in the preparation of the church for Palm Sunday and Easter.

We need volunteers to participate in one or both workdays where we will prepare the church for these important events. The dates for the workdays will be **April 12**, the Saturday before Palm Sunday (10AM to noon) and **April 19**, the Saturday before Easter (1 to 3 PM).

Examples of tasks to be performed are polishing brass and silver, preparing candle cups, veiling small crosses, arranging palms, arranging potted flowers in front of the altar, and polishing wood. We also need a volunteer to launder towels after the Maundy Thursday Service. This is a good opportunity for someone who will attend the Maundy Thursday service but will not be able to attend the workdays.

Walk ins are welcome, but it helps us plan if we have an estimate of how many people are coming ahead of time. There will be sign-up sheets available in the Narthex starting March 30, or you can call, text or e-mail to volunteer or ask questions: Ann Barry at barryann579@gmail.com (509-366-0604) or Ruth Arisman at rarisman@akagaha.com (478-501-3311).

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 one Friday each month.

We will be meeting **Friday, April 25**, at the home of Lynn and Chuck Rawls, 4600 Collins Road, West Richland. We will meet at 6:00 PM for wine and non-alcoholic beverages, with dinner at 7:00 PM.

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. You can sign up the Sunday before in the Narthex or call or text the Rawls by Wednesday, April 23 to let them know you are coming and also if you need directions (509-567-2395). We hope to see you there!

The May gathering will again be at the church on May 16 with Ed and Pat Revell hosting. As there are tables to set up, beverages to prepare, etc. it would be really nice if someone (single or couple) would volunteer to help them.

We will also be looking for Hosts July 18 and August 15 at the church. We have written instructions. Call Linda Munson (509-521-8981) if you are able. Remember, many hands make light work.



Pavilion Update from our Junior Warden

After a few false starts and some surveying we have a building permit! The foundation for the storage shed is dug and ready to be poured. Critical components are ordered. We are expecting that the we will soon have rapid visible progress.

In addition to the pavilion, storage shed, and associated electrical and concrete slab, the project includes lighting for the playground and back parking lot and conduit for a fiber optic cable between the shed and the electrical equipment room in the church. After these are done we will resurface and repaint the parking lot.

Decisions have yet to be made about the pavilion furnishings (benches and/or tables) and the memorial element to honor those in whose memory the pavilion is constructed. We already have a beautiful altar for the pavilion constructed by Jim Thielman (in Bette Evans workshop), and it will be dedicated along with the pavilion and stored in the sacristy portion of the new storage shed. I can't tell you just when but we are hoping to get use of it this summer.

Outreach Focus for April: Restoration Market

Perhaps you were as concerned as I was, noticing a recent headline in the Tri-City Herald: "*Tri-Cities food banks, already hit by federal cuts, bracing for record surge in need.*" Due to the cuts the new administration has made to federal food aid programs, food banks across Washington state are receiving much smaller shipments of food, and much less of the shelf-stable food that is most useful to them. Even before the cuts, demand was growing, and it is predicted to grow even greater with the likelihood of major cuts to SNAP and other programs that provide direct food aid to families and the elderly.

Small food banks, with their limited freezer and refrigerator space, have been most severely impacted by the cuts in federal aid. One of these small food

banks is Restoration Market at 4000 W Clearwater (Ste 110) in Kennewick. This unique market provides families and others needing food assistance with a weekly shopping experience designed to take the shame out of receiving assistance.

In April, Outreach's Narthex Box collection will help Restoration Market keep their shelves stocked. When I contacted their director to ask what they need most, she said, "We'd accept anything, our shelves are wiped out at the end of every day." However, a little more research yielded a list of the most helpful items:

- High protein foods like tuna, beans or peanut butter are especially valuable
- Canned vegetables and pasta sauces
- Quick, shelf-stable microwaveable meals
- Non-refrigerated milk
- Whole grain pasta, dry beans, rice
- Cooking staples like cooking oil, flour, sugar
- Healthy cereal and "after school" snacks

Note: Food must be non-perishable, in cans, boxes or plastic (not glass)



Check out Restoration Market at their recently updated website at <https://www.restorationcommunityimpact.com/freemarket>. The website makes it easy to make a cash donation, volunteer, register to receive food, or simply to learn more about this organization.

Vestry News

The All Saints' Vestry met on March 17, 2025. We are reading *Signs of Life* By Jay Sidebotham for formation.

The Ministry Committee (Meg Milligan, Layna Kinsman, & Blake Slonecker) is planning on informally collecting information from newcomers

to All Saints' during coffee hour. The committee will support the future small group program, B4 (Building Bridges Between Believers), that will start in mid-May.

The Property Committee (Linda Munson, Marjie Mack, Bill Powell, & Caleb Thomas) gave an update on the pavilion project that will be started this spring. An updated Junior Warden list was shared as well. Some of the projects will be placed on the Tumbleweed Tasks list in the parish hall.

The Administration Committee (Elizabeth Arnold, Bruce Gillespie, Kim Kremer, & Jan Wells) had the Vestry confirm and approve the Parochial Report. There is ongoing development work for a new endowment fund that would support the annual budget. Jan Wells, Elizabeth Arnold, and Steve Goheen are studying what amendments to All Saints' by-laws may be needed to allow for that.

The vestry began earmarking items to be supported with the Elsie Bradley bequest of over \$400,000. Currently, the vestry has set aside \$40,600 (a tithe) for altruistic support of our larger community needs and concerns; \$120,000 for needed elevator updates and modernization; and \$30,000 for replacement of the 2-story windows in the administration wing's north stairwell. They also discussed setting aside some portion for long-term savings (perhaps including the new endowment), but no decisions were made. Discernment will continue as to how best to use the remaining funds.

The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, April 28. As a reminder, parishioners are always welcome to attend these meetings.

We Give Thanks...

- to the many hands who made dough and rolled and baked pretzels. Always a yummy way to begin Lent!
- to the youth who hosted tables at the Spring Youth-Senior Tea: Miriam, Avery, Claire, Lilly, Chloe, Christian, and Anna; to Jack who helped set up; and to the adults who helped make this

event a success: Elizabeth Arnold, Teri Bartol, Marlo Wallace, and John Spencer. Such a lovely afternoon getting to know each other across the generations, and such lovely hats y'all made!

- to Tom Smith for the lovely gift of Post-It notes in different sizes for the office! Office supplies are the way to the admin's heart.
- to Theresa Grate and Linda Munson for their help in getting our elderly paper folder, St. Martin, back on his feet.
- to Dave DeGrenier for taking photos of all our Vestry members so we can post them for the first time since 2019!
- to Ava Barlow for offering to take on the time-intensive task of designing and creating the new directory. The whole parish thanks you!
- and a special thank you from POPP, submitted by Mike O'Neill: "Ann and I delivered several bags of cat and dog food, supplies, and toys contributed by generous members of All Saints' to the Outreach collection box during February's POPP donation drive. All the staff and volunteers at POPP asked us to please convey their heartfelt thanks for your kind donations! Well done you all!"

