

June 2025

Pentecost Party

The Feast of Pentecost is coming up! On **Sunday, June 8**, we will celebrate with a “Pentecost Party” for all ages between services (roughly 9-10am). Join us outside on the back lawn for activities, crafts, and “Pentecost Sundaes.” We’ll conclude our celebration with a potluck lunch beginning after the 10:15am Eucharist.



Please plan to come, bring a dish if you’re able, and help us celebrate what some call “the birthday of the church!” Wear red, or your tie-dyed Pentecost shirts if you’ve got them!

Rector’s Corner

Happy Easter! We are still celebrating Eastertide—the Great 50 Days of time between Easter and Pentecost. The whole focus of this season is one of unadulterated joy. The resurrection of Jesus offers such hope and possibility. How could we limit our celebration to a single day? How could we not linger there for a time?

But of course, time does not stand still, even for such glorious truth. We inevitably look around and realize that unadulterated joy is not the same as never-ending happiness. Life still has challenges that have not gone away. The world around us still includes poverty and illness, suffering and violence; and too often these are met with self-centered power grabs and callous disregard that only exacerbate the harm.

The world within us still needs healing, too; temptations to thoughtless or sinful choices are still all around us, and all too easy to heed.

So, what then? Where do we go from here? God’s answer to that is the miracle of Pentecost—the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles, imbuing them

with the power of God’s love and sending them forth to proclaim the Good News, in word and in deed, across the world.

At our baptism, are imbued with the same power, and called to the same mandate: to follow in Jesus’ footsteps and to serve in Jesus’ name. We are “sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own forever,” not only for the sake of our own souls, but for the life of the world around us as well.

And so, carrying that Easter joy with us, we begin again. As Benedictine Sister and theologian Joan Chittister says,

Easter is the feast that gives meaning to life. It is the feast that never ends. After Easter, the tomb stands open for all of us to enter. If Jesus is risen, then you and I have no choice but to go into the tomb, put on the leftover garments ourselves, and follow Jesus back to Galilee where the poor cry for food and cripples cry to be taken to the pool and the blind wait for the spittle on their eyes to dry. All the fidelity in the world will not substitute for leaving the tomb and beginning the journey all over again. Today. Every day. Always.

God’s peace,
Jane+



Adult Formation

After Pentecost, Adult Formation will resume our summertime practice of meeting in the parish hall between services to reflect on scripture together. “Called and Compelled by Love” is our diocesan theme for the year, so we will focus on passages that

will help us reflect on the ways that we are called and compelled by God's love. Please join us in the parish hall each Sunday at 9:15am, as we open our Bibles and our hearts together.

June 15: Isaiah 6:1-8
A Vision of God in the Temple
June 22: Luke 1:26-38
The Annunciation
June 29: Luke 5:27-32
Jesus calls Levi
July 6: Luke 10:25-37
Parable of the Good Samaritan

Children and Youth Ministries— June 2025

Teacher Appreciation, June 1. On this Sunday, at the 10:15 service, we will be honoring our Sunday School teachers, Youth Group leaders, and Children's Chapel leaders who have volunteered so much of their time and energy to our children this past year. If you see these people, please thank them for their ministry!

Godly Play teachers: *Katy O'Callaghan, Cheryl Smith, Andie Slonecker, Lisa Newburn, Diane Goheen, Kimberly Wageman, Cynthia Sanford*

Youth class: *Amanda Riedinger, Andy Gilbert*

Youth Group leaders: *Theresa Grate, Teri Bartol, Elizabeth Arnold*

Children's Chapel leaders: *Rachel Loer, Lisa Newburn, Cynthia Sanford, Theresa Grate, Blake Slonecker, EJ Wallace, Mary Vierck, Alex Stone*

And if you are interested in helping with our children and youth ministries in the future, please see Theresa Grate!

Godly Play in June. Our last Godly Play circle for this school year will be **June 1**. We will be hearing the story of "The Mystery of Pentecost." We meet at 9:00 AM in the Godly Play classroom.

Godly Play and our teachers take the summer off, although we use Godly Play at our Vacation Bible

School in July. Weekly classes will resume on September 7, 2025.

Youth class breaks for summer. The Youth class will meet **June 1** before breaking for the summer. Class is held from 9 to 10 AM up in the loft. Please come let us know what you would like to learn about and discuss in the coming year.

Pentecost Party, June 8. Our last Sunday school time for this school year will be a combined (children and youth) party on Pentecost, **June 8**, with some outdoor activities, a craft, and "Pentecost Sundaes," on the back lawn from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Come join us outside to celebrate the Holy Spirit! Then stay for the potluck lunch after the 10:15 service! Wear your Pentecost shirts!



VBS Prep Days in June. We will be preparing for the upcoming Vacation Bible School on these Thursdays (and one Tuesday): **June 12, 19, 26, and July 1**. Join us at the church anytime between 10 AM and 2 PM on those days; bring a lunch if you wish. We have a variety of projects to work on, including some painting.

Children's Chapel through the summer. Children's Chapel *does* continue through the summer. Held during the beginning of the 10:15 service, it 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. Kids age 3 up to 6th graders are welcome, as are friends and visitors. We meet in the multi-purpose room downstairs beginning about 10:00 AM—please sign in your child when dropping them off.

Chapel leaders needed. We are looking for a few more people to help with Children's Chapel this coming year. Chapel is held during the beginning of the 10:15 service, so you would miss the readings and sermon about once a month—though you would get to reflect on the Gospel with the kids (and you can always go back and listen online afterwards)!

This important ministry gives our young people the opportunity to hear and reflect on the scriptures in a child-friendly setting. You will need to pass a background check and take some online training, and you would be paired with an experienced chapel leader to begin with. Please see Theresa if you are interested or want to ask questions.

Nursery for the little ones. Our Nursery is open year round for children from birth until their 4th birthday. Available on Sundays during the education hour (9 to 10 AM) and through the 10:15 service, 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, and Sadie Andrewjeski and Cynthia Sanford fill in when needed.

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 for more info. Camp session information is available at www.campcross.org.

GOD'S GREAT FAMILY

Vacation Bible School 2025

Vacation Bible School is **July 14-18, 2025!** Our theme for this summer's VBS 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. We will be talking about Baptism and Holy Communion—two sacraments that build our family and keep it together

through shared experience; as well as how we treat one another in our family, and our art and science activities will focus on different parts coming together to make something bigger, putting things together that can't be separated.

One afternoon of VBS week we will hold a special "Game Day" where people of different generations can get better acquainted by playing board or card games together. We will end the week with our traditional potluck lunch, and sing a song in church on the Sunday following VBS week (July 20).

VBS will be held July 14-18, from 9 AM to noon, Monday through Friday, and is open to campers age 4 up through 6th grade (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! Register now at <https://bit.ly/vbs2025allsaints>.

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. Group leaders and science and craft leaders are needed.

Prep days are June 12, 19, 26, and July 1, from 10 AM to 2 PM, so come help us get ready. The food donation list will be out soon.

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

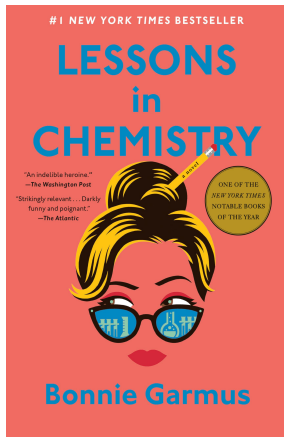
Wanted for VBS:

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

- potholder looms (if you would like yours back, please make sure it has your name on it).
- plastic bottle caps, but only in COLORS (no black, white or clear, please!) We especially need ORANGE, YELLOW, and BROWN.
- paracord, any colors, pieces at least 16" long
- keyring hardware (split rings, carabiners, clasps)
- paint primer
- **to borrow:** 2 cordless power drills (during VBS)

All Saints' Book Group

Our next book to read is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, the #1 New York Times bestseller and Best Book of the Year on a number of 2022 lists. It was also turned into a mini-series that you can watch on Apple TV+. (Note, this novel has multiple book covers.)



Elizabeth Zott is a chemist in the early 1960s working with an all-male team at a research institute. A few years later, Elizabeth finds herself as a single mother and the unlikely star of a TV cooking show *Supper at Six*. Her scientific approach to cooking proves popular, and she dares her followers to change the status quo. This book has been

called “bold, smart, often hilarious, strikingly relevant, and irresistible” by various reviewers.

We will meet to discuss this book on **Tuesday, June 10**, beginning at 6 PM in the parish hall with a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome!

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.

This month, we will be meeting **Friday, June 6**, in the parish hall at All Saints’. Paul and Kathy Meyer will be hosting. We will meet at 6pm for wine and non-alcoholic beverages, with dinner at 7pm.

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 Linda Munson to RSVP (Cell is 509-521-8981). Hope to see you there!

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

Summer Movie Nights

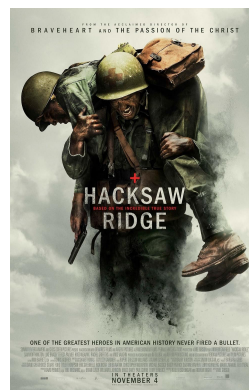
Once again All Saints’ is offering a Christian Social Witness movie series through the summer! Please mark your calendars, and join us once each month at 6PM for a potluck supper followed by a film and lively discussion. Here’s what’s coming!

June 26 - ‘Come Sunday’ (TV-14)

This film, about an Evangelical minister whose unconventional opinions lead to being ostracized by the church, makes a powerful and timely statement about the importance of Christian values of love and care even when the world seems filled with hate and vitriol.



July 24 - 'Hacksaw Ridge' (R)



The true story of Desmond T. Doss, a WWII Conscientious Objector whose courageous service as a combat medic earns the highest military honors. Doss' strong faith, honorable courage, and desire to see life preserved is the backbone to this powerful biographical drama.

August 28 - 'Women Talking' (PG-13)

Women in a Mennonite community in Bolivia must decide together how to respond to a crisis in their community. What happens when one is suffering and God is silent?



You're Invited!

You, yes you, are invited to the wedding of our own treasurer Elizabeth Arnold and music director John Spencer!

When: Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 2pm

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church
Reception to follow

Please RSVP to Elizabeth or John, or email
allsaintspowercouple@gmail.com.

Please no gifts. If you wish to make a donation to the church in our honor, specify Arnold-Spencer Wedding and the proceeds will be divided between the choir and youth funds.



Junior Warden's Report

Updates on the many projects around the church from our Junior Warden, Linda Munson:

Our gutter problem seems to be solved with a big thanks to those who volunteered on short notice.

Work on the pavilion is progressing. There is still electrical and other behind-the-scenes work to be done and we do not have a completion date yet, but we are hopeful. Stop by and take a look!

We will soon be starting another major project with the replacement of the two plus story window at the administration entrance. The glass is on order and construction should be done the week of June 23. During much of that week we will need to designate

another entrance. The current windows are original construction - single pane with wood framing. The replacements will be double pane with a vinyl frame (brown outside, white inside.) We have specified a non-colored glass but will use a rain like patten on the ground floor to provide a bit of privacy. Two windows on the upstairs landing will open, but not far enough that we can lose anyone out!

Marjie Mack is continuing to work on the reserve study and will be asking for help and expertise from some knowledgeable folks in the parish. Thanks to them as well.

Keep on the lookout for some new railings that should be appearing soon!

Outreach Focus for June: Grace Clinic

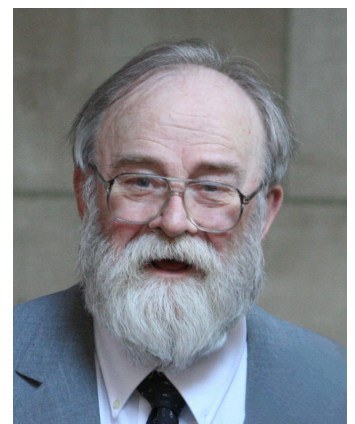
For June, the Outreach Committee is collecting shelf-stable food: rice, beans (dry or canned), tuna, peanut butter, boxes of cereal, crackers, canned fruit, canned soup, canned tomatoes, dried pasta, bottles of cooking oil.

This food will be given to local families in need through a number of outlets. Please bring your donations to the box in the narthex during June. Thank you for helping hungry neighbors!

Haffner Memorial Update

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the memorial fund for Al Haffner. Outreach raised a total of \$4,250.00 for Camp Cross in Al's name.

His family would like to donate this gift to camper scholarships to Camp Cross, so that all have the opportunity to experience Camp. The money will be sent for that purpose in loving memory of Al and his faithful advocacy for and support of Camp Cross.



Tri-Cities Pride 2025

All Saints' will once again have a booth at the annual Tri-Cities Pride festival on **Sunday, June 22** at Memorial Park in Pasco! Stop by or volunteer at our booth to help spread the important message that God loves everyone with no exceptions, and that ALL our welcome at All Saints'.

You can sign up in the narthex to help with set up, tear down, or staffing during the festival. Contact Rev. Mark Sluss with any questions.



Camp Cross 2025

Camp Cross on Lake Coeur d'Alene provides a safe and quality camp experience for youth and adults across the Diocese of Spokane. Enjoy hiking, boating, swimming, campfire songs, relaxation, and wonderful community. As part of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane, Camp Cross emphasizes relationship, prayer, discipleship, and service.

Dates have been released for this summer's camps! You can register and find out more about each



session at campercross.org. Registration is now open! Scholarships are available if needed; we want everyone to experience camp.

Leaders in Training (LIT): June 22-25

Women's/Men's Weekend: June 27-29

Mini Camp: June 30 - July 2

Days at the Lake: July 3-6

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

Young Adult Camp: September 18-21

We Give Thanks...

- to Al Wells for transporting the cabinets for the new shed.
- to the gutter clean-out crew: Mike Dodson, Liam Larsen, Ed Temple, Al Wells, and Marjie Mack.
- to everyone who donated to the memorial fund for Al Haffner. Thank you for helping us to honor his memory!
- to all who have signed up for summer music! You are helping to support our liturgy and worship while the choir takes some deserved time off.
- And a special thank you from Theresa:

"Thank you to the whole congregation for the beautiful Mother Hen icon you gave me on my 20th anniversary celebration! I love Kelly Lattimore's icons, and this imagery is near and dear to my heart - my maternal grandparents were chicken farmers and I spent a lot of my growing-up years on their farm. The children and youth of this parish are also near and dear to my heart, and I thank God for all my years at All Saints'."

