

SAINTS ALIVE!

July 2025

Vacation Bible School: July 14-18

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. We'll also be talking about 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.

On Wednesday of VBS we will hold a special "Game Day" where people of different generations can get better acquainted by playing board or card games together. (See announcement on pg. 3) We will end the week with our traditional potluck lunch, and sing a song in church the following Sunday (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! It's not too late to join us! Register at <https://bit.ly/vbs2025allsaints>

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, specifically ORANGE, YELLOW, PINK, BROWN, all sizes, and SMALL BLACK ones (1.5" or smaller).
- paracord, any colors, pieces at least 16" long
- keyring hardware (split rings, carabiners, clasps)
- food list in the narthex
- **to borrow:** 2 cordless power drills (during VBS)

Upcoming Lock Change

Ch-ch-ch-changes... In the next month or so, All Saints' will be changing our locks! It has been many, many years (decades!) since this was done; so many that we honestly don't know anymore who has keys and how many of them are out there.



As you might imagine, this is a process that takes careful planning. Between all the exterior doors, offices, and classrooms, there are a lot of locks to take into account! Junior Warden Linda Munson and Bruce Schmoetzer spent quite a bit of time over the last several months working out the details, getting estimates, and recommending a locksmith for vestry approval. In addition to changing locks, a couple of problematic door latches and/or crash bars will also be repaired or replaced.

The date of the changeover will be announced beforehand; we hope to schedule with at least 2-3 weeks' notice. In the meantime, we will be making lists of staff and parish leaders who need keys. As always, if you have any questions please talk with Rev. Jane, Linda, or any member of the vestry.

Adult Formation

After Pentecost, Adult Formation resumed 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.

There is, however, one exception to this plan! In May, Katy O’Callaghan and her parents walked “the Camino:” one of many ancient pilgrimage routes leading to Santiago de Compostela and the shrine of St. James the Greater, patron saint of Spain. On August 3 she will give a presentation on her experience (see pg. 5 for more information).

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

- July 6: Luke 10:25-37
Parable of the Good Samaritan
- July 13: Luke 10:38-42
Jesus visits Martha and Mary
- July 20: Mark 12:28-34
The First Commandment
- July 27: John 4:1-30, 39-42
Jesus and the Woman of Samaria
- Aug. 3: Katy O’Callaghan
Camino Pilgrimage



Children and Youth Ministries: July 2025

Sunday School will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 7, 2025, 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 at the same time. Have a wonderful summer!

Interested in being a children’s or youth ministry leader? If you might be interested in teaching Godly Play or our Youth Class (which meets 9 to 10 AM on Sundays) or being a Children’s Chapel leader (10:00 to 11:00 AM), please contact Theresa. We always are looking for new leaders. The main qualification is a desire to connect with our young people and share the love of God! We have resources to share for the rest. With enough people, you would serve approximately once a month.

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 most Sundays through the summer, except for July 20 (VBS Sunday), August 24 (Church Picnic and worship outside), and August 31 (Labor Day weekend).

Nursery for the little ones. The Nursery is available during the 10:15 service 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, and are in the Nursery on Sundays from 9 AM, so you can join Adult Ed if you wish.

VBS Prep Day: July 8. 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.

GOD’S GREAT FAMiLY

VBS Volunteer Meeting and Set-up, July 13. There will be a final meeting with all VBS volunteers after church on Sunday, July 13 (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.

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.



Game Day! July 16

As part of our VBS week, and in keeping with our theme of building a stronger family/community, we are holding a Game Day on **Wednesday, July 16, from 1 to 3 PM** in the parish hall. All ages! Please come join us to play some board and card games with our VBS campers and get to know them. We will have snacks!



Saints and Sinners

Our next scheduled Saints and Sinners, our adult potluck social group, is **Friday, July 18** at All Saints'. We will start with beverages at 6 and dinner at 7. Please bring your own table service, a dish to share and a \$5.00 donation if you would like wine. Our Hostess is Candy Abbott.

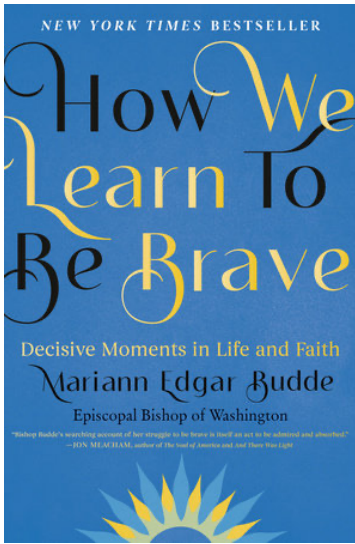
We have some concern about attendance as several folks have indicated they will be out of town, so please sign up in the Narthex the Sunday before or call or text Linda Munson by Wednesday, July 16 if possible (509-521-8981). If we don't have at least 10 people we will cancel.

Traditionally couples bring either a main dish or two of the following: starter, salad, side dish, or dessert. Singles bring one of these.

This is not a closed group - we always welcome newcomers and old timers who have gotten out of the habit! We also need a host for August 15.

All Saints' Book Group

Our next book to read is *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*, by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Bishop of Washington D.C. Bishop Budde wrote this book in 2023, long before her coming to national attention at the January 21, 2025, prayer service when she implored the president to "have mercy on the people in our country who are scared now."



In the book, Budde explores the full range of decisive moments which require one to be brave: to go, to stay, to start, to accept that which we did not choose, to step up to the plate. She weaves together stories from scripture, history, and personal experiences to underscore the universality of these

moments, and reminds us that courage is possible for ordinary people.

We will meet to discuss this book on **Tuesday, July 22**, beginning at 6 PM with a potluck dinner in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

Junior Warden's Report

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

The water damage to the hallways is almost completely corrected and we are continuing to investigate how we can prevent a recurrence. The incident has also enlightened us as to the fact that the windows in the administration wing are double pane but not sealed and can be opened for cleaning. It is apparent that this should be done and we will probably try to organize a work party of volunteers to take care of this after VBS and several other projects already underway. If you would be willing to help please let Linda Munson know of your availability and we will try to schedule accordingly (509-521-8981).

As this is being written the contractor is replacing the large window at the administrative entrance. Things should appear a lot lighter in the stairwell and we will be better insulated and be maintenance free for quite a long time. This project is being paid for from the money left to the church by Elsie Bradley. God Bless you Elsie.

Outreach Focus for July: Food Drive

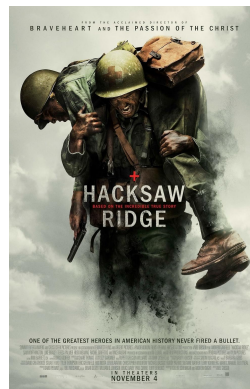
For July, the Outreach Committee is continuing to collect shelf-stable food. This month, we are especially looking for beans, rice, and pasta.

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. Thank you for helping your hungry neighbors!

Summer Movie Nights

Our Christian Social Witness movie series continues 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. Here's what's coming!

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?



Camino Presentation

Have you ever wondered what it's like to walk the Camino?

Come hear all about my, Katy O'Callaghan's, incredible pilgrimage along the **Camino Portuguese Coastal Route**. I will share my reflections, photos, and a few special items from my journey in a slideshow and show-and-tell style presentation.

Whether you're curious about the Camino, love travel stories, or just want to be inspired—this is a wonderful opportunity to connect and learn.

All are welcome! Grab coffee, a treat and join us between the services on **Sunday, August 3rd**.



Pavilion Update

As some of you have noticed we made an error in having the large shed door behind a post on the pavilion and this is being corrected by putting double doors toward each end of the side of the shed. The trenching for the electrical will go in soon and progress should continue at a fairly steady pace. No completion date has been set but we are increasingly hopeful.

The planning for the electrical work has alerted us to the fact that we are not supposed to have anything within 36 inches of an electrical box. We have built a work bench and stored materials in front of the electrical box in the existing storage building. This

needs to be corrected before any inspections for the pavilion electrical are scheduled.

If you are able to help move the stored items and cut off and re-support the counter please let Linda Munson know (509-521-8981).

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

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

Family Camp: August 28 - September 1

Queer Camp: September 4-7

Young Adult Camp: September 18-21

Construction at Camp

Exciting changes are coming to Camp! Our Bishop of the Spokane Diocese, Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, recently sent out a letter announcing the conclusion of a capital campaign for new cabins, with attached bathrooms, and a new retreat center out at Camp Cross (check out the architectural renderings on the next page!). She writes:

"Thank you! Thank you for your generosity and for your patience[...] I am delighted to report that we



have signed the contract and construction will begin as soon as the last permit has been approved.

Construction at camp will of course mean some disruption, but this is a challenge of growth and life, and those are great challenges to have. Our goal is to continue to have fabulous summer camping sessions even in the midst of work taking place. So if you are out this summer please be aware that there will be work happening, and perhaps next summer as well.

[...] Our capital campaign raised \$3,012,780.32. This is an amazing level of support and I am so very grateful to everyone who donated. With the Murdock grant of 350K the total for the work raised is \$3,362,780.32

We had 297 individual donors (individual donors includes couples and families), which shows wonderful participation across the diocese. Of these donors there were over a thousand instances of donations! Every congregation in our diocese is represented with donors! We also received donations from across the Church, with donations from people in many other dioceses. Camp Cross is truly a beloved place!

The Foundation has generously offered up to \$500,000 in additional support as needed for the completion of the construction. This is a great example of how having a diocesan foundation allows for greater support for the mission and ministry of the diocese, and how giving the Foundation can allow for greater impact.

The new cabins and retreat center will allow for up to 32 more people to sleep in cabins with bathrooms!



So what is next? We will continue to bring progress updates as the construction moves along and will let everyone know when the new retreat house and cabins are available for use. We will continue to talk about the importance of ongoing facilities maintenance, formation programming, scholarships for all ages, and the wonderful resource we have for the whole diocese in Camp Cross.

Come visit! In addition, consider giving a gift to Camp Cross to help scholarship a camper, to offset expenses for camp, to the endowment fund for camp, or by volunteering yourself at camp. There are so many ways to support the ministry of Camp Cross and we hope you will continue to do so in ways that work for you. Thank you again for your ongoing support!”

We Give Thanks...

- to those who helped with the restoration of the hallway after our untimely flood, a huge thank you! : Luna Watters, Marjie Mack, Bruce Gillespie, and Mike O’Neill.
- to Diane and Steve Goheen, who headed up the Pentecost Party on June 8, to end our Sunday school year, providing activities for our young people and Pentecost “sundaes.”
- to Linda Munson, Mike & Ann O’Neill, and Rick Walling, for installing handrails around the church.
- to Chelee Ellis, Marjie Mack, Adam Muhlestein, and Lisa Richmond for filling in for the admin in June and (upcoming) the first few days of July. It takes a village sometimes!

