

August 2025

Parish Picnic with St. Paul's

It's time for our annual parish picnic and Eucharist with our siblings from St. Paul's! This year, All Saints' will be hosting, hopefully in our new pavilion. On **Sunday, August 24**, we hope you'll



join us in our own backyard for the 10:15 service, followed by our customary potluck lunch. (There will still be worship at 8am as usual).

As is customary at St. Paul's, the service will incorporate some Spanish, along with a few pieces which can be said in the language of each person's choice. When Spanish is spoken, English translations will be in the bulletin for English speakers to follow along.

It will be a great weekend to gather, so mark your calendar! Please plan to bring a chair or a blanket to sit on and a generous dish to share.

Building Bridges: A Year of Faith and Fellowship

All Saints' is excited to announce the Building Bridges Between Believers (B4) Project! Starting **Tuesday, September 9th from 6-8pm**, we're launching the **B4 Project**, a year-long opportunity to grow in faith and build meaningful relationships.

Through small groups called **Companion Circles** (3-4 participants), you'll share your walk in faith, offer prayer and encouragement, and hold each other accountable.

How it Works:

- **Weekly Check-ins:** Your Circle will decide how it meets weekly via phone, Zoom, or in person to pray and support one another.
- **Monthly Gatherings:** Once a month, we'll come together as a larger group for a shared meal, reflection on Christian doctrine, and the introduction of a spiritual discipline to practice in the month ahead.

Why Participate?

The B4 Project is a chance to deepen your faith, learn about core Christian teachings, and form lasting connections within our community. Whether you're new to the faith or a longtime believer, this is a year of growth, prayer, and fellowship.

Sign Ups begin **Sunday, August 3rd**. Please join us in growing together this year. For more info, contact Katy O'Callaghan (irishwomano@aol.com), Marjie Mack (mmack3108@comcast.net), or Caleb Thomas (cmtthomas001@gmail.com).



Rector's Corner

A former neighbor of ours had a pretty cross-stitch sampler hanging in her kitchen that read,

*Who plants a seed
Beneath the sod
And waits to see
Believes in God.*

“Waits to see” sounds so simple, doesn't it? So idyllic. So peaceful and calm. And honestly, there are moments in gardening that do offer such serenity.

However, “waits to see” in an actual garden requires a whole lot more than standing back with folded hands and bated breath. It also includes a whole lot of effort—mulching, weeding, watering, fertilizing, trimming, and never-ending pest control.

It also includes homework, learning about the needs of that particular seed and what will help it flourish. Will it prefer full sun, or partial shade? Acid or alkaline soil? Does it need heat or cold to germinate? Which other plants nearby will encourage or inhibit growth? Will it need trellis, stake, or other support? Does it better tolerate pruning in spring or in fall?

Of course, some seeds will sprout and thrive with no tending at all; but they are rarely the kind of plants one actually hopes for. To grow beautiful flowers and shrubs, or delicious fruits and vegetables, takes some real effort.

There's a reason Jesus' parables so often included seeds. As with seeds in a garden, growth of faith and a flourishing relationship with God benefits from intentional tending and care.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll read of a new opportunity to do just that. The “Building Bridges Between Believers” (B4) initiative at All Saints starts in September. Through



prayer, learning and connection, participants will spend intentional time growing in faith with one another. I hope you'll make the time to be part of it — to nourish the seeds of faith already planted within you. I absolutely believe the results will be worth the effort.

God's peace, Jane+

Adult Formation

Adult Formation in August will continue 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 around 9:15AM, as we open our Bibles and our hearts together.

There are, however, two exceptions to this plan. On August 3, Katy O'Callaghan will give a presentation on her experience walking “the Portuguese Camino.” Then on August 24 we will host our annual parish picnic with St. Paul's, Kennewick; there will be no Adult Ed that day.

Following the picnic, we will kick off our fall program year on September 3 with a combined Godly Play lesson for all ages. We will hear our storyteller share “Jesus and the Women,” a new story to us this year.

So our upcoming schedule looks like this:

- Aug 3: Katy O'Callaghan
Camino Pilgrimage
- Aug 10: Matthew 25:31-46
The Jesus we meet in those who need
- Aug 17: John 13:1-20
Jesus washes the disciples' feet
- Aug 24: No Formation
Parish Picnic
- Aug. 31: Acts 8:26-40
Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
- Sep 7: Godly Play All Ages
Jesus and the Women

Camino Presentation

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**.

Children and Youth Ministries: August 2025

VBS 2025: God's Great Family. Jesus, Art, Music, Science - our annual Vacation Bible School week - was filled with these and more! Read more about our amazing week on page 7.

Needed: Although VBS is over, we still need donations of **SMALL, BLACK** bottle caps (pop bottle size) to finish the second mural begun during VBS. Thanks for all the donations!



Godly Play, our Sunday school program for preschool and elementary-aged children, will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day, **September 7, 2025**, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Our first day will be a combined class with youth and adults and will be held in the multi-purpose room. If you would like more information about Godly Play, contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org.

Visitors welcome in Children's Chapel. Our child-friendly Liturgy of the Word is held during the beginning of the 10:15 worship service all year

round, and visitors are always welcome! We meet in the multi-purpose room downstairs, and come up to join the rest of the congregation for Communion. For children ages 3 up through 6th grade. There will be no chapel on August 24 or 31.

Pavilion Project Update

The pavilion project is nearing completion! We will have to re-stripe the parking lot before the city signs off as they want assurance we have not eliminated parking spaces and have provided adequate handicapped access to the restrooms.

We are hoping to resurface the parking lot first. There will also be some landscaping to do, floors to paint, etc., so if you are interested in any of this please let Linda Munson know of your availability (Cell is 509-521-8981). Stay tuned for a dedication in the near future!

Dust Devils Faith Night

Take me out to the ballgame! On **Friday, August 15**, join your Episcopal siblings for a night of baseball and fellowship with the Dust Devils. Come cheer on our hometown team against the Eugene Emeralds. The gates open at 6:05pm, and 1st pitch is at 7:05pm. Faith Night includes discounted upper box seat admission tickets, as well as discounted concessions.



To purchase the discounted tickets in our section, 102, use the QR code below or on any of the flyers posted around church, and enter the coupon code **SAINT25**. You can also get tickets by calling the Dust Devils box office, or by using this link:

<https://bit.ly/3GEq5TN>



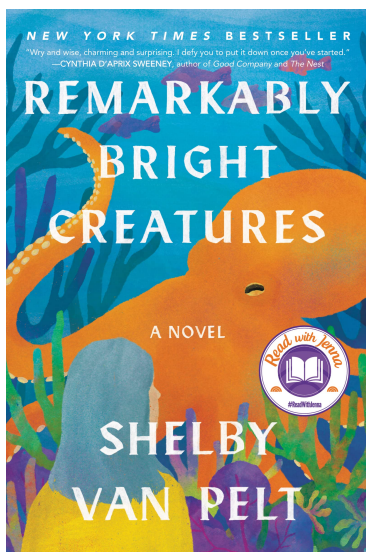
Saints and Sinners

The next gathering of the Saints and Sinners potluck supper group will be **Friday, August 15** at 6pm for a social hour and dinner at 7 at All Saints'. We might be in a position to meet in the pavilion but no guarantees at this point. Tom & Shannon Smith and Al & Jan Wells are hosting.

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 know you are coming. (Cell is 509-521-8981)

This is not a closed group - we always welcome newcomers and old timers who have gotten out of the habit!

All Saints' Book Group



Our next book to read is *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt. Shelby is from Tacoma, WA, and this is her debut novel, published in 2022. It was an instant bestseller and will soon be a Netflix film!

Tova Sullivan begins working at an aquarium to keep busy after the passing of her

husband. She befriends the giant Pacific octopus living there, Marcellus, who helps her solve the mystery of her son's disappearance thirty years ago.

Reviewers call it "utterly original, funny, wise, and heartwarming" and "a wholly original meditation on grief and the bonds that keep us afloat."

We will meet to discuss this book on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025**, beginning at 6pm in the parish hall with a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome!

Outreach Focus for August: Early Learning Center

With the new school year approaching, Outreach's focus for August will be collecting clothing items needed for the preschoolers who attend the Early Learning Center (ELC) in Richland. ELC houses Richland School District's developmental preschool as well as the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, providing free preschool education for low-income families.

The staff at ELC do their best to provide things for the children so that they can focus on learning—our Outreach Committee helps fund the Second Harvest Bite-2-Go bags of food that some children take home during the school year, so they have enough to eat on the weekends. They also collect used clothing to give to the families, but items like underwear, socks and shoes are not usually passed down (not in great shape, anyway, if they are).

We will be collecting for the children, ages 3-5:

- **NEW children's underwear and socks**
- **new or gently used shoes** (especially sneakers)
- **small backpacks**

Clothing sizes most needed are: underwear 4/5/6/7, socks small, shoes 11/12/13, clothing 3T through 5. We can also take used clothing donations for preschoolers as well, to add to their bins.

You can bring your donations to the box in the narthex at church through the month of August.



Summer Movie Nights

Our summertime Christian Social Witness movie series winds up in August! Please mark your calendars, and join us **Thursday, August 28 at 6pm** for a potluck supper followed by a film and lively discussion.



This month we'll view **'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 seems silent?

Upcoming Parenting Workshop

Parenting is typically not taught in school but is learned through our own upbringing or through books or extracurricular classes. Most of us have opinions on how to parent most effectively and some of us have questions or concerns about parenting.

We will hold a workshop/discussion group for anyone interested in this topic starting **Sunday, September 14**. We will meet in the library after coffee hour. Our first session will be a brainstorming session to identify topics the group would like to cover. Examples might be:

- Communication techniques
- Discipline methods
- Divorce
- Autism
- ADHD
- Expert advice through books or other media

Subsequent meetings will address the topics you identify. There is now a sign-in sheet in the narthex for those interested in participating. Please sign up if interested for planning purposes and so we can send you minutes of the meetings.

End-Of-Life Workshop

The End-of-Life Workshop led by Steve Goheen and Ed Revell will have one more session on **Sunday, August 31**. We will meet after coffee hour in the library. Bring your questions/concerns and we will discuss any issues/suggestions you may have.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this latest series of workshops. Participants had the chance to hear from special guest speakers, including hospice, an estate lawyer, and retirement/nursing facilities.

External Ministry Fair

Are you involved in a local nonprofit or community group? We want to hear from you!

Join us for our **Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 28**, and share how you're making a difference outside our parish. Whether you volunteer at a food bank, art organization, or support any community cause, this is your chance to inspire others to get involved.

Sign up to host a table and help us shine a light on the incredible work happening beyond our church. For more information or to participate, contact Meg Milligan

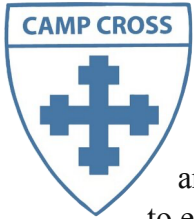
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Layna Kinsman (kinsmanlo@gmail.com) or Blake Slonecker (blake.Slonecker@gmail.com).



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.



Camps are underway for the summer, but registration is still open! You can register and find out more about each session at campcross.org. Scholarships are available if needed; we want everyone to experience camp.

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

We Give Thanks...

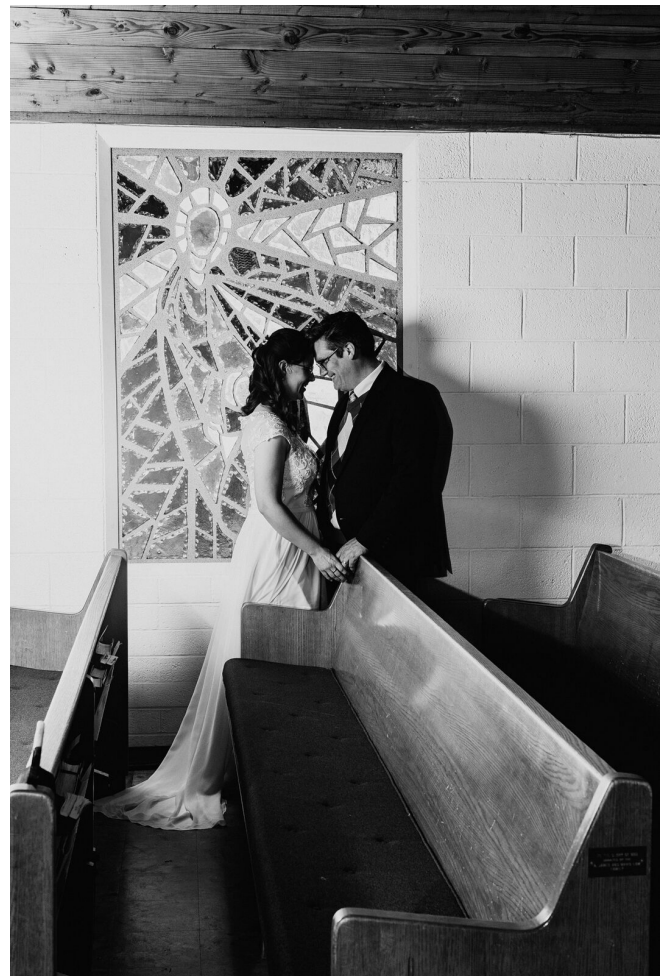
- to Linda Munson and Jim Thielman for remodeling the work bench in the shed to clear the area in front of the electrical box and meet code requirements.
- to Mike O'Neill and Al Wells for completing the railings project.
- to Mike O'Neill and Randy Milligan for their work in properly storing materials and preparing the shed for use at VBS.
- to Kim Kremer, who cleaned up and organized the kitchen knife drawer, and Al Wells, who repaired kitchen drawers so they open and close properly.
- to Linda Munson and Jane Schmoetzer for cleaning up the most recent vandalism on our playground.



- and a special thank you from Elizabeth Arnold and John Spencer, the self-proclaimed All Saints' Power Couple:

"What an amazing church family you are. Thanks to all of you who came to our wedding, donated in our honor, sang in the choir for us, helped with set up and take down, and gave us so many cards.

We feel so loved by the outpouring of support you have given us, both at our wedding and over the years that each of us have called All Saints' home. We can't imagine having had our wedding anywhere but here."



VBS 2025: God's Great Family

God's Great Family Vacation Bible School was held July 14-18 with 28 campers, and 35 teen and adult helpers! We had a lot of returning campers, many new, young helpers, and a few brand new people to our unique VBS program. It truly was a great big family!

Our theme for the week, God's Great Family, explored how the church is a family—brothers and sisters in Christ—how we join that family, and how we interact with each other. We made a new bottle-



cap mural together (and the second piece will be finished this fall by our youth), and made our own "People of God" images that you can see all together in the education wing hallway (together we make the church!).

We played board games together one afternoon, inviting the parish, and some of you came! We learned a song, "In Christ there is no East or West" (Hymn 529), and sang it for our parents on Friday, and in church on Sunday. And we ended the week with a delicious potluck, sharing a meal together.

Our amazing volunteers make VBS possible, and we had many people in new roles this year! Breanne O'Hare led Music and she did a great job, during the week and on Sunday! Rachael Black took on the role of Godly Play storyteller for the first time and she told the story of The Prodigal Son beautifully! Nathan Bartol and Sarah Lewis were our preschool group leaders and wrangled little ones admirably! Meg Milligan and Jan Wells headed up the kitchen and made our awesome snacks! MANY



youth were first time helpers: Sean O'Callaghan, Claire Gilbert, Avery Gilbert, Bethany Riedinger, Reilly Murray, and Claudia Loomis. That makes my heart glad!



Room leaders were Andie Slonecker, Iris Slonecker, and Bethany Riddle in the Great Family room (sand art, dehydrating

cherries, taking a walk outside); Rachael Black, Mary Andrew, and Al Wells in the Prodigal Son room (weaving potholders, electrical connections, and the awesome playhouse!); the O'Callaghan family (Katy, Nigella, and Sean) in the Last Supper room (bottle cap mural, making slime, and block play); Cheryl Smith, Lilly Wallace, and Calix Smith in the Holy Baptism room (snow globes, making music with water, and making boats); and Ann Barry, Teri Bartol, and Claire Gilbert in the Paul and Lydia room (dyeing bandanas, pH experiments, and listening games).

Our wonderful group leaders were Nathan Bartol, Sarah Lewis, Bethany Riedinger, Dianna Larsgaard, Donna Anderson, Reilly Murray, Marjie Mack, Nancy Wittman, Claudia Loomis, Avery Gilbert, and Anna Loer. Gretchen Makinson led Folk Dancing on Tuesday and Thursday, the Rev. Jane Schmoetzer led Prayer time, and Theresa Grate led Mission time. Adam Muhlestein accompanied our VBS Singers, Layna Kinsman and Kathy Meyer helped in the kitchen, Marjie Mack served as our Registrar, and Rachel Loer was our awesome Photographer! It takes a village!



There are many others who help out behind the scenes, making VBS a success! Many of you brought in plastic bottle caps to boost our supply of colored caps for the murals, but Ed Revell deserves special

thanks—he brought in about 90% of the caps that were collected this time, especially the many small black ones needed for the outlines. A lot of you brought in a handful of caps, Ed brought me a large container full twice a week! Whether you brought in food, helped wash bottle caps, prepped a craft, or helped with set-up, your help was very much appreciated!

Thanks to all who supported VBS: Donna Anderson, Mary Andrew, Ann Barry, Nathan Bartol, Teri Bartol, Rachael Black, Cindy Cross, Steve Day, Dave DeGrenier, Nancy and Mike Dodson, Avery Gilbert, Claire Gilbert, Diane Goheen, Annette Gordon, Denise Gossman, Jan Griffin, Sue Havre, Layna Kinsman, Dianna Larsgaard, Sarah Lewis, Claudia Loomis, Marjie Mack, Joyce McClanahan, Kathy Meyer, Meg Milligan, Randy Milligan, Linda

Munson, Beverly Noyce, Katy O’Callaghan, Nigella O’Callaghan, Sean O’Callaghan, Mike O’Neill, Athena Pelly, Lisa Richmond, Bethany Riddle, Deckard-Lee Schaefer, Andie Slonecker, Iris Slonecker, Calix Smith, Cheryl Smith, Pat Thielman, Kate and Sol Torelli, Mary Vierck, Marlo Wallace, Al Wells, Jan Wells, John Wells, Richelle Wilde, Julie Wiley, Nancy Wittman, and Krisandra Wood. Special thanks to Bruce Schmoetzer for the use of his big tent during VBS, since the pavilion wasn’t finished yet. You all are truly a blessing!

Our home-grown JAMS VBS program, using Godly Play, continues to bear fruit—it engages kids in the stories of God’s people, reminds them that they are beloved children of God, and stays with them far beyond the week of VBS. We are family! Thanks be to God!

