

October 2025

Bingo Party!

Come on out for Outreach's annual Fall Fundraiser **Saturday, October 4!** We are planning a family-friendly, fun Bingo event in the Parish Hall from 3-5pm. Bring the whole family for fun, light refreshments, and prizes, prizes, prizes!

Join us for some fellowship and the opportunity to learn about and support the great work of our

Outreach Ministry. One bingo card will cost \$10, with a maximum of \$40 per family. Prizes for all ages will be awarded to the lucky winners.



This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Outreach, so plan to come out and help us make a difference. Let's have some fun!

Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis of Assisi is best remembered for his faithful witness to God's love for all creation. It's become our custom to follow his example by acknowledging the importance of our animal companions and asking God's blessing on them.

Bring your furry, feathered, scaly, spiny, or slithery friends, properly restrained for everyone's comfort, to All Saints' annual Pet Blessing. We'll gather on the labyrinth on **Sunday, October 5 at 4:00 PM**. Hope to see you and your friends there!



Day of the Dead

On **October 26**, we will have a combined education hour for all ages from 9 to 10am, and we will start with a Godly Play-style story about the Day of the Dead, told in the multi-purpose room. Following the story, you will be invited to share your stories at the *ofrenda*, and work on traditional crafts (sugar skulls, flowers, skeletons, *papel picado*). Day of the Dead is a wonderful way to remember the saints who have come before us.

El Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) is celebrated each year on November 1st and 2nd, when families honor their loved ones who have died. This holiday has its origins in ancient Mesoamerican cultures that blended with those of the Spanish Catholic conquistadors, who arrived in Mexico in the early 1500s. The Aztecs believed that life and death were the forces of the earth and a natural part of the cycle of regeneration. Bodies die and go back to being part of the earth. Rituals developed to honor the souls of the departed, including leaving food, burning incense, and making an *ofrenda*/offering. The Spanish encouraged the indigenous people to practice these rituals on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

The Day of the Dead is the joyful holiday that resulted, meant to welcome and honor the souls of the dead. Today, people build the altars in their homes, decorated with candles, flowers, and lots of food. Trips to the cemetery involve cleaning the graves, eating, and all-night parties with live music and memorable stories.



All Saints' continues to celebrate the Day of the Dead and the saints who have come before us. We

will have an altar set up in the parish hall: please bring your pictures of loved ones who have died (include the name on the frame or with a separate paper), along with a favorite item/food of theirs, to add to this altar. You will have the opportunity to share a story on October 26 during the education hour. This altar will remain up through November 2 (All Saints' Sunday) and you may leave your items on it for the week.

Rector's Corner

*"I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting."*

Does this sound familiar? I hope so! This is the end of the Apostles' Creed, which we say during Morning and Evening Prayer. This creed is also the foundation of our Baptismal Covenant—the promises we make and/or reaffirm every time someone is baptized, and a few times a year regardless. These statements are a summary of some foundational Christian beliefs about the nature of the Holy Spirit and the ways we see it at work in our lives. They may be brief, but they encompass profound theological concepts that say a great deal about how we choose to live as followers of Jesus.

Take, for example, the Communion of Saints—the theological focus of our "Building Bridges Between Believers (B4)" program in October. What does that mean? The Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 862) says,

"The communion of saints is the whole family of God, the living and the dead, those whom we love and those whom we hurt, bound together in Christ by sacrament, prayer, and praise."

It means that we believe followers of Jesus are part of one great spiritual body, in union with one another across time and space.

Rooted in scriptural teaching and ancient tradition, these few words have a tremendous impact on our practice of faith. Belief in the Communion of Saints upholds our common bond with God and one another in the great worldwide Body of Christ; it reinforces our understanding of resurrection and life after death; and it supports the Christian traditions of prayers for the dead and seeking the intercession of the saints.

All that, in four words. Want to learn more? Join us **October 14 at 6pm** for our next B4 dinner. You'll be glad you did.

God's peace,
Jane+



Adult Formation

In October we'll continue delving into "Transforming Questions." This is a course designed to help both new Christians and longtime churchgoers move into deeper life in Christ. Over the course of these sessions, participants engage some basic questions of the Christian faith through a combination of teaching and conversation. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us most weeks in the library at 9:15.

Then we close out the month with "el Día de los Muertos," or the Day of the Dead—a Mexican tradition with roots in All Saints/All Souls' Day celebrations as well as indigenous customs. It's a chance to remember the "great cloud of witnesses" gone before us by placing loved ones' photographs, food, or other favorite items on an "ofrenda," or decorated altar in the parish hall.

Oct 5: "What do we have to do to be a Christian?"

Oct 12: "How should I read the Bible?"

Oct 19: "Does God answer prayer?"

Oct 26: "Day of the Dead" Celebration

Children and Youth Ministries: October 2025

Godly Play is our Sunday school program for young children in preschool and elementary school. They meet in the Godly Play classroom on Sundays from 9 to 10am. Visitors and friends are always welcome. Good stories are worth repeating!

Our Godly Play stories this month are: Oct. 5—The Great Family; Oct. 12—Exodus; Oct. 19—Ten Best Ways; Oct. 26—Day of the Dead (see more on pg. 1).

Youth Class. Youth in middle and high school meet on Sunday mornings in the loft from 9 to 10 AM. During the month of October we will dive into the Acts of the Apostles, a Bible study that will continue until Christmas. The book of Acts is full of the energy of the early Christians, as they figure out how to proclaim the good news of Jesus around the world—encountering problems that the church still faces today. What can we learn from them? There is no homework! Come and discuss the chapter we work on each Sunday.

Halloween candy needed. Any donations of wrapped Halloween candy would be much appreciated for our neighborhood trick-or-treat and for the Trunk or Treat at the Early Learning Center. Please drop off in the church office or bring on a Sunday, no later than October 19.



Youth Group, October 19, 5 to 7 PM. All young people in grades 6 through 12 are invited to come to these monthly in-person gatherings, and friends are welcome. We start with dinner and end with Compline, with activities and service projects in between. This month we will be making preparations for Day of the Dead and Halloween. If you would like to be on the Youth Group email list, contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org.

Trunk or Treat at ELC, October 24. All Saints' will be sponsoring a trunk at Trunk or Treat at the Early

Learning Center in Richland on the evening of October 24, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. If you are interested in helping out (youth or adults), please contact Theresa for details.

Treats for the Community, October 31. All Saints' will be "open" for trick-or-treating to our neighbors beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday the 31st in the narthex. If you would like to help pass out candy, please contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org. And if you are out trick-or-treating that night, stop by and show us your costume!

Dia De Los Muertos Run

The annual Dia de los Muertos Run in Pasco is back on **Saturday, Nov. 1!** In past few years, All Saints' has put together a team to walk or run in this community event. We'd love to have you join us - it's more fun with friends! You can register for the 5k, 10k, or half marathon. All proceeds from the race will be put toward a new endowment at CBC for marginalized youth in the Tri-Cities.

Register by October 5th for the discounted registration rate, and the opportunity to honor a loved one by having their name included in the *veladora* (prayer candle) design on the back of the race shirt. You may also register after the 5th at the regular rate.

If you'd like to join our "team," which includes an additional discount, let Rachel in the office know by **Friday, October 3!** Team members may run or walk different distances; the only catch is that we have to register all at once so it takes some coordination.

Of course you can also register individually, as well, and just join us on the day of the race! Sign up at ddlrun.com by following the registration links.



B4: Building Bridges Between Believers

“B4” is a year-long program seeking to combine monthly opportunities for learning and spiritual practice, with small group connections and mutual prayer. We hope to develop connections with one another as we learn to recognize the connections between our lives and work and the roots of our faith.

In October, our theological focus will be “the Communion of Saints,” and we’ll take a glimpse at the practice of praying with icons. Please join us on **Tuesday, October 14** at 6pm for dinner. We’d love to see you there!

Saints and Sinners

Saints and Sinners met September 12 at Joyce McClanahan’s for a wonderful festive occasion. We will meet again **October 17**, in the new Pavilion, weather permitting. If it is a little chilly please bring a sweater or jacket. If it is very chilly we will meet in the parish hall as we have been most of the year.

Saints and Sinners is a potluck social group, open to all adults of the parish. We 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 let her know you are coming (509-521-8981). You can come without a reservation but you may have to help set up additional tables and chairs.



We have not had anyone sign up for host/hostess so I would appreciate a few folks coming by 5:15 or so to set up tables and chairs to prepare for the event. Thanks and we hope to see you there!

Outreach Focus for October: My Friends’ Place

This month, Outreach is excited to support the work of My Friends’ Place, a program of the Safe Harbor Support Center that strives to fill a gap in services for 13-20 year-old homeless individuals in the Tri-Cities. Homeless youth do exist in our community and come from all socioeconomic classes, all religions, all races, all genders.

My Friends’ Place provides homeless teenagers with a bed, meals, clothing, showers, laundry facilities, support services, and individualized case management services. Drop-in services are also available to all youth in need in our community.

My Friends’ Place wishlist is included below, and you can find it in the narthex, as well. Please bring all donations to the box in the narthex.

My Friends’ Place Fall Wish List

Disinfectant spray (Fabuloso or Pine Sol)

Liquid hand soap

Cold and Flu medicine

Paper Plates

Plastic utensils

Sports Drinks

Coffee, Tea, Cocoa

Snack foods (individually packaged)

Laundry Pods (Gain Flings)

Jr. Warden's Report



The Pavilion Contract is complete and paid for - the pavilion and shed are officially ours! We have already held our first event (the picnic with St. Paul's) and we are looking forward to our second, October 17, Saints and Sinners (weather permitting). We definitely have some items to complete, notably:

- suitable fall prevention on the south and east sides (playground and yard, respectively)
- painting of the sacristy shed floor and cabinet installation
- security camera installation
- landscaping

By the time you get this we should be well underway on the restoration of the parking lot. We expect to add a few more spaces and a considerable number of parking stops to keep cars off the grass and planting areas. Additional curbing is also planned.

We have had some shrubs in the memorial garden die and we believe it is from inadequate water. The existing sprinkler system was probably very effective when the shrubs were smaller but some of the successful ones seem to block water from others.

We have authorized our landscaper to remove the dead shrubs and replace the current sprinkler system with a drip system which will use less water and keep the shrubs healthier. He will also replace the dead boxwoods in the hedge and that should improve the looks of things.

We are also getting bids to maintain and/or improve the gutters on the main building.

Emergency Shelter Orientation

Since December 2022, All Saints' has hosted an emergency warming shelter in our parish hall when the weather turns bitterly cold. Should the need arise again this year, we want to be intentional about "equipping the saints to seek and serve Christ in all people."

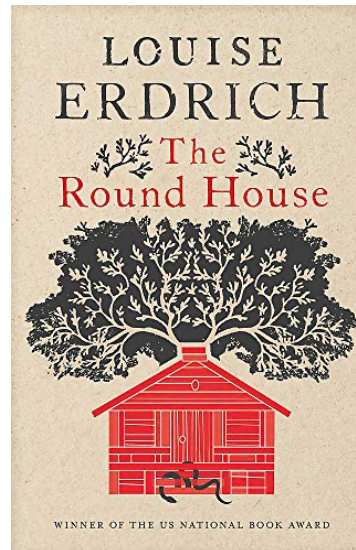
An orientation for anyone interested in serving as a volunteer will be offered on **Saturday, October 25, from 1-3pm**. We will review shelter policies as well as answer any questions you may have.

Let us know you're coming by adding your name to the signup sheet in the narthex, or by calling the office (509-943-1169), so we know how many people to expect. There is no cost involved.

Please contact Diane Goheen (riversideeast2@yahoo.com), Julie Wiley (ginevra2001us@yahoo.com) or Rev. Jane (rector@allsaintsrichland.org) if you have any questions. Spread the word to those you may know in the community who are interested in volunteering!

All Saints' Book Group

Our next book to read is *The Round House*, a 2012 novel by Louise Erdrich. This book follows 13-year-old Joe Coutts, as he seeks justice for his mother after she is brutally attacked on an Ojibwa reservation in North Dakota. His mother is traumatized and reluctant to speak about the incident. Joe, along with his father and friends, tries to help by finding the attacker.



The Round House has been called "an artfully balanced mystery, thriller and coming-of-age story" (*Minneapolis Star Tribune*), and was the Winner of the National Book Award for Fiction in 2012.

We will meet to discuss this book on **Tuesday, November 4** beginning with a potluck at 6pm in the parish hall. Please join us! All are welcome. Contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org if you would like to get on the Book Group list.

Save the Date: Fall Book Sale

Speaking of books... Save the date (and especially your books!) for the upcoming Used Book Sale! In order to make it a success we need your gently used books, puzzles, and DVDs. Donations will be accepted the week prior to the sale.

The book sale will run on **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8**, with a “last chance” bargain-priced sale the following Sunday morning. The proceeds of this year’s sale will once again benefit both the Men’s Group and Outreach Committee. Spread the word and plan to stock up on lots of great new reads to support the work of these wonderful ministries.

Stay tuned for more details and a volunteer sign-up sheet! If you have any questions, want to help out, or need to arrange a pick-up time for your donations, please contact Rachel Loer in the church office at admin@allsaintsrichland.org.



Prayer Angels

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

Did you know there are Prayer Angels who pray every day for All Saints’ members, families, and friends with a long-term illness or other struggles? If you would like prayers said daily for you, a family member, or a friend, please give Marjie Mack the name, relationship to you, and specifically how you would like us to pray for that person.

This information is held confidential within the Prayer Angels group. You can reach Marjie at mmack3108@comcast.net.

Fall Youth Retreat

This year, our diocesan fall youth retreat will be held at West Central Abbey in Spokane from **Friday, October 31 - Sunday, November 2**.

A small group of youth have been working with camp director Alex Flannagan, Bill Osborne, and Elaine Patrick to plan a great weekend. There will be two registration options for those youth who already have commitments on Halloween.

Registration is slated to open October 1, and is open to youth in grades 6-12. Youth in 10-12th grade are invited to be part of the leadership team for the weekend. Call or email Alex with any questions at alexfl@spokanediocese.org or (425) 577-1217.

We Give Thanks...

- to Jay Grate for repairing a couple of well-loved Godly Play materials. They look as good as new!
- to Elizabeth Arnold, John Spencer, Katy O’Callaghan, and the youth who came to our September meeting and rocked out the rest of the bottle-cap mural!
- to Al Wells and Jane Schmoetzer for replacing the straps on the chair and table storage carts and especially to Al for furnishing the new straps.
- to Paige Andrew, Liam Larsen, Mike O’Neill, Bruce Gillespie, Al Wells, Bill Powell, and Tom Smith for reworking the chair storage carts.
- to Paige Andrew for extensive trimming of our “volunteer” tree in the back and a large number of shrubs in front of the church.

Thank You

