

# Saints' Alive!

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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Dear All Saints',

Welcome to the month of August! Earlier this summer I highlighted the community event, “Stories at the Cemetery”, held one Sunday in June, July and August at the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery. I have attended the last two events and there is an upcoming one Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. These events of learning about the life-stories of former Anchorage residents – some famous, some infamous and many like you and me – has cause me to take time to reflect on the themes of faith and legacy ... not an unimportant exercise for every single person. You see, the question of legacy pierces through the noise of daily life, demanding we pause and consider what truly matters. As Christians, our legacy extends far beyond earthly achievements or material accumulations. It encompasses the love we've shared, the lives we've touched, and the way we've reflected Christ's character in our relationships and actions.

Scripture reminds us that "a good name is more desirable than great riches" (Proverbs 22:1). Our legacy is ultimately not built on grand gestures, but in countless small acts of faithfulness—the encouraging word to a struggling friend, the patience shown to family members, the integrity maintained when no one is watching. Each day presents opportunities to live intentionally, asking ourselves: Will this decision honor God? Will this action reflect His love in the world?

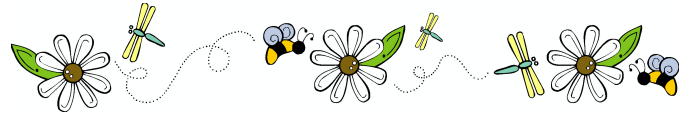
Perhaps no legacy is more precious than the gift of faith passed from one generation to another. Like Timothy, who received the faith through his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5), we are called to be faithful stewards of the gospel message, that it might be received and flourish in the hearts of those who come after us. This spiritual inheritance is transmitted through authentic Christian living. Children and young people observe how we handle adversity, how we treat others, and whether our faith sustains us through both valleys and mountaintops. Our prayers, our worship, our service to others—these become the building blocks of faith for the next generation.

In considering legacy, however, we must first acknowledge the Source of all good things. God's faithfulness forms the foundation upon which we build our own faithful living. His provisions—both seen and unseen—have sustained us through every season of life. And, reflecting on God's goodness cultivates gratitude, which transforms our perspective and motivates living for Christ. When we recognize that every blessing flows from His hand, we're inspired to be conduits of that same goodness to others. So, a Christian legacy is not a self-made monument, but a testimony to God's grace working through the imperfect vessels that we are; yet so loved by God in Christ Jesus.

As we contemplate these themes, may we live with an eternal perspective, understanding that our truest legacy lies not in what we accomplish for ourselves, but in faithfully stewardship of God's love, truth, and grace in this world. Yes, let us live the faith, hope and love we are given in Christ Jesus, that others may know and see him in the gift of this life we have been given. Amen.

Fr. David

Vivere Christus est ... (Phil 1.21)



## August 2025 Special Dates

- Transfiguration of Our Lord, August 6
- Purple Heart Day, August 7
- ASD-school starts, August 14



## Summer Institute in Theology

August 26, 2025 @ 7pm

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
545 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Anchorage, Alaska

Purpose:  
To Provide a Forum for Theological Reflection  
and Dialogue to Cultivate Intellectual  
and Spiritual Growth.

This Year's Topics and Speakers:

**“God’s Call to Holiness”**  
The Rev. David Dobler

**“Bishop Joseph Butler: Pastoral  
Philosophy in Anglican Apologetics”**  
The Rev. David Terwilliger



**The August Vestry & Calendar  
Planning Meeting Is Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
@ 12:00pm following the Worship service.**



August 4<sup>th</sup>, Ray Wells  
 August 6<sup>th</sup>, Russ Millette  
 August 7<sup>th</sup>, Judy Nelson  
 August 12<sup>th</sup>, Judy DeVries



August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jane & Steve Jordan, Anniversary  
 August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Carol & Bill Batson, Anniversary

**The All Saints' Birthday & Anniversary Book** is located in the church narthex. Please take a moment and add special dates for you and any family members. This information is used for the monthly newsletter.

### Prayer Support & Prayer Ministry



Nine people currently make-up the All Saints Prayer group. We agree to pray for those people on the Prayer List every day but depending on the situation, we may constantly pray throughout the day. If you wish to join this ministry, please contact Judy DeVries at the church office: 907-279-3924 or [www.allsaintsan-chorage@gmail.com](mailto:www.allsaintsan-chorage@gmail.com).

*Prayer is powerful!*

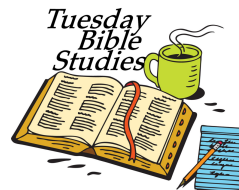


"Ramen Noodle August" To benefit the food pantry at New Hope Compassionate Ministries. Please bring your

donations of ramen noodles or any other canned goods to church each Sunday during August.



**Question: Are you cleaning out your closets this summer? If so, you can bring the clothes you no longer need to All Saints', in benefit to the clothing ministry at The Church of the Nations. You may drop off your items in the collection box located in the Elliott room.**



### Tuesday Night Bible Study with The Rev. David Dobler.

#### Beginning Tuesday, September 2nd!

Please join us for Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, downstairs in Fenn Hall. We will be studying 1 Corinthians.

### 1 Corinthians

#### Readings:

**Sept. 2** – Chapter 1:1-9, The City and context of Corinth. Address, Thanksgiving and Reminder

**Sept. 9** – Chapters 1:10-4:21, The factions

**Sept. 16** – Chapters 5:1 – 11:34, Problems of behavior

**Sept. 23** – Chapters 12:1 – 14:40, Problems of spiritual gifts and the response of love

**Sept. 30** – Chapters 15:1 – 58, The Resurrection of Christ and of the Christian

**Oct. 7** – Chapters 16:1 – 18, The offering, Paul's travel plans

**Oct. 13** – Chapters 16:19 – 24, Summation. "Our Lord, Come"



Please join us on Sunday mornings beginning September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 10:15am in the Elliott room for adult education with Father David.



### August

*July has come and gone,  
With its trees and grass so green.*

*August has now arrived,  
And more beauty it will bring.*

*God created this month,  
With its summer sun aglow,  
And flowers red and gold;  
for all this is in His control.*

*Summer is passing very fast,  
Think of its lovely floral design,  
And praise our Lord above;  
For giving us this special, lovely time.*

