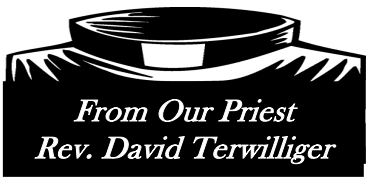


# Saints' Alive!

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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Dear All Saints',

I pray this September newsletter finds you all well and blessed in our Lord Jesus Christ. As you know, Labor Day has arrived quite early this year. As usual, it falls on the first Monday in September which, of course, is the first day of this month. It also happens that for those churches that use the Revised Common Lectionary – as we do – special Propers (lessons and prayers) have been assigned for the occasion of Labor Day. As you imagine, those lessons and prayers have been designed for us to reflect on the gift of work.

The New Testament lesson, in the Lectionary, is given from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (3:10-14). There Paul uses the mental image of laboring/building a foundation to convey something of the spiritual reality and goal of being rooted in and built up in Christ Jesus. Paul describes himself as a "wise master builder" who laid the foundation of Christ, while others continue building upon it. This imagery of construction work speaks directly to the dignity and responsibility inherent in all human labor – but especially in what we do with Christ Jesus.

So, Paul also has a warning about building materials—gold, silver, precious stones versus wood, hay, and straw. And, rightly observed, his words offer a profound insight for workers today. Just as construction workers must choose quality materials that will withstand testing, all laborers face choices about the integrity, excellence, and purpose they bring to their work. The "fire" that tests each person's work represents not only divine judgment but the natural consequences of our effort and character. On Labor Day, we celebrate not just economic productivity but the human capacity to create, build, and contribute to something greater than ourselves. And, Paul's metaphor reminds us that our daily work—whether in offices, factories, classrooms, or homes—participates in a larger construction project; the project of our collective life in Christ.

So here we are challenged to consider not just our paychecks but our legacy. Are we building with materials that will endure—excellence, service, and spiritual purpose—or with shortcuts and selfishness that will ultimately burn away? Labor Day becomes not just a holiday but a reminder that all meaningful work participates in God's ongoing creative activity in the world. Viewed from this perspective, work is not relegated the mundane, but viewed from the bird's-eye-view of our role in the Kingdom of God and God's plan to use us to bear witness to that Kingdom and our Lord. So, let us consider our labors done, not only before God, but our labors in Him as we embrace our calling as citizens and fellow-laborers in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen Blessings,  
Fr. David

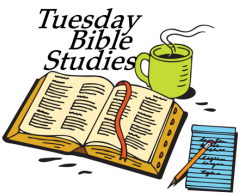


## September 2025 Special Dates

- Labor Day, September 1
- Nt'l Grandparents Day, September 7
- Patriot Day, September 11
- First day of Autumn, September 22



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.



**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"



**The September Vestry Meeting Is Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm following the Worship service**



September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Heather Martin  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, John Bishop  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, Connie Boquist  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, Jane Jordan  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, Mark Iverson  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, Carter Burson  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca Shellikoff  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, David Dobler



## Young Adults Kickoff Night

Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Join us at All Saints' Episcopal Church for a relaxed evening of tea, conversation and community! We'll enjoy refreshments, get to know each other, and share ideas for future gatherings. Whether you're new or returning, all are welcome! Young Adults will meet every other Thursday evening.



'Spaghetti September', to benefit the food pantry at New Hope Compassionate Ministries. Please bring your donations of pasta, noodles and sauces or any other canned goods to church each Sunday during September.



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 upstairs classroom located at the end of the hall on the right, past the Elliott room.



## Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace



"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God's faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God's ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God's steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.

