



SAINTS ALIVE!

April 2017

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Gardening Opportunity

Would you like to grow homegrown, organic veggies this summer? If so, you may want to join us at the Hazel Dell School and Community Garden. Each member has a 4' x 8' raised bed with good soil and irrigation for \$20.00 for the summer. We have scholarships available too. Each family can add to their produce by harvesting from several large communal beds, also. This is a wonderful way to teach children where their food comes from and enjoy a healthy diet over the summer.

If you would like a bed, please call Bobbi Bellomy at 360-901-7700.



April Birthdays

DeeAnn	April 1
Lynne	April 2
Diane	April 5
Andrew	April 5
Emilie	April 7
Tom	April 13
Mike	April 16
Carol	April 23
Nicolas	April 27

April Anniversaries:

Al & Diane	April 15
Rob & Kitty	April 18



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2016 OUTREACH REPORT

Our current Outreach ministries are these:

- Silver Plate – cash contributions to the Clark County Food Bank last year was almost \$1,000
- Ongoing Food Donations (the basket in the narthex) for the Food Bank. We do not have hard figures on the pounds of food donated. This outreach effort could use publicity, and possibly a Sunday a month dedicated to food.
- SHARE Christmas tree – increased our number of gifts over the past three years, from 40 to 50 to 75, and invited the AA members to join us, which they have enthusiastically. This appears to be about the limit of gifts we can provide, unless the church grows a bit more.
- SHARE donations of personal care items – We ask for these at the beginning of the WHO season. This would work better if we made a point of requesting donations at specific times in the year, with a reminder in the early summer that travelers should make a point of saving the soaps and other toilet items they receive in hotels. Next year we plan to have a more specific list of items needed, such as feminine hygiene products, always in short supply.
- McDonalds Meal Cards. This is a somewhat “special” category of outreach, which was started by Bob+ Chrisman and funded from the priest’s discretionary account, Bob’s idea. Fr. Joe, our new vicar, has graciously kept this program going, but we must be mindful of the fact that the priest’s discretionary fund is just that—the priest can use it for “any pious purpose” he wishes. At some point, Fr. Joe may decide the money would be better spent elsewhere. That is his prerogative. In 2016 we passed out over \$300 of meal cards.
- WHO shelters. We’ve volunteered both time and treasure. In the last two years we have partnered with two Lutheran churches, Family of Christ and Bethel, to fill one entire week at the family shelter, and one week at the men’s shelter. In addition we’ve provided food for the shelters during our shifts. Our list of volunteers has grown exponentially. The first year we worked on one of the WHO shelters, we had 9 volunteers, which covered one evening and one overnight shift. This year we have had 28 volunteers who have covered several shifts at both the Family and Men’s Shelter. As there was a lack of sponsoring churches this year, many of our volunteers have worked two or three – or more – shifts at both shelters.

Looking at this list, several things become apparent. First, our Outreach (excepting Babies in Need) is concentrated in the last months of the year – the busiest time when people are trying to buy Christmas gifts for their families, never mind for strangers. It also shows a pattern – All Saints is all about hospitality. We feed ourselves, and we feed strangers. We also make sure that at least some of Vancouver’s poorest citizens have a bed, even if it’s only a pallet on a church floor.

All in all, and especially if you include Babies in Need which deserves and will get its own report, we do quite a bit of outreach, but we could do more. I propose that the congregation evaluate the current ministries – whether to discontinue them, keep them, or keep them with modifications. The Bishop’s Committee has already done this with regard to the Soccer Ministry. In the last two years it became apparent that while there were many, many cookie bakers, there were few people who were willing to give an hour or two – never mind a whole day – sitting outside and passing out the cookies and water and socializing with the parents. We also realized that our hope for that ministry – that it would bring new young families to the church – had not been realized. With the death of Dan Haase, whose “baby” this outreach was, we decided that our efforts could better be spent elsewhere, and while soccer games will continue at All Saints, we will no longer be providing the cookie and water hospitality. The Salmon Creek Soccer Club has been informed of this decision but were assured that the field will remain available. They will miss Dan more than the cookies!

I ask the congregation to propose any other outreach they’d like us to participate in, either as a group or individually. As an example of an individual outreach, I have a friend who is a Master Gardener (as well as a retired judge) who has just completed her second year teaching a beginning gardening class at the Coffee Creek (women’s) prison in Oregon. Closer to home, gardening parishioners here volunteer outside the church, as well as weeding our own garden. Individual outreach projects could include volunteering in the local schools, or donating blood or platelets, or providing transportation to medical and legal appointments for those who can no longer drive. There are a number of projects we could also support, from raising funds to provide sack lunches for needy school children during the summer (SHARE), to providing funds to purchase pet food for the PONGO fund, a Portland charity which helps people who are facing the choice of feeding their animals or abandoning them or dropping them off at the local shelter. These are just a few ideas. The congregation will, I hope, have many more.

I truly enjoy being the unofficial organizer of these efforts. The congregation’s response is so enthusiastic that it makes my heart sing. What does it sing? “...they’ll know we are Christians by our love. ~Candy Weatherby

All Saints Ministry Schedule—April 2017

SCRIPTURES	Lent V April 2	Palm Sunday April 9	Easter Day April 16	Easter II April 23	Easter III April 30
1ST LESSON	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 2:14a,22-32	Acts 2:14a,36-41
PSALM	Psalm 130	Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalm 16	Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
2ND LESSON	Romans 8:6-11	Philippians 2:5-11	Colossians 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-23
GOSPEL	John 11:1-45	Matthew 26:14-27:66	John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35
<u>SUNDAYS</u> 9 AM					
Altar Setup	Martha	Fiona/Pat	Sheridan/All	Sydney	Pat
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Fiona/Rob	Candy/Mona	Sheridan/Jon	Fiona/Alice	Sheryl/Jon
First Lesson/ Psalm	Dee Ann	Carol B.	Dick W.	Linda E.	Fiona
Second Lesson	Matthew	Sharon M.	Candy	Sheryl	Tom W.
Ushers	Tom W.	Joe A.	Derick	Rob	Verna
Greeters	Emilie	Pat S.	Elizabeth	Vicki	Martha
Sunday School	Beth	Matthew	No SS	Sheridan	Beth
Nursery	Martha	Alice	<i>No nursery</i>	Martha	Alice
	<u>Potluck</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
Coffee Hour/ Potluck Team	Sydney, Carol B. Linda, Candy	Susan, Alice, Tom, Verna	Kitty, Rob, Mona, Vicki	Martha, Carol S. Elise, Joe, Judy	Sydney, Carol B. Linda, Ann H.

Unable to do your assignment? Find a sub, and leave a message for church office, either voice mail or email: admin@allsaints-vancouver.org. Thank you!

Each Wednesday, Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
with Wed. Evening Adult Study, followed by Traveling
Day practice at 7:30 pm. (mid-September through May)

Worship Leaders: Rob, Suzanne,
Martha, Sheryl & Father Joe Scheeler

If you have special requests for scheduling, please email Pat Stephens by the 15th of the month prior. Thank you!
Email: pat.stephens@msn.com

April 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
2 Holy Eucharist 9 am Potluck	3 Parish Life Committee Mtg. 1:30 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	4 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	5 Soup Supper & Evening Prayer 6:00-8:00 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30	6 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	7 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	8 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
9 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour Bishop's Committee Mtg. 10:45 am	10 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	11 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	12 AA: 11:30 - 1:30	13 Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, Holy Eucharist with Foot washing 6:00-8:00 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	14 Good Friday Open Church 12:00-3:00pm Good Friday Service 7:00 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	15 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 2:30 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5:30 - 9:30 pm
16 Easter Day Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour <i>Saints' Alive!</i> Deadline	17 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	18 The Women at the Well 1:00-3:00pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	19 AA: 11:30 - 1:30	20 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	21 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	22 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
23 Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour	24 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	25 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	26 Evening Prayer, Adult Reflection and Traveling Day Society 6:00-8:00 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30	27 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	28 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	29 AA 6:30 - 9:30 pm
30 Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour				AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	