



SAINTS ALIVE!

September 2016

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Church Picnic Fun

Thanks to everyone for coming to the picnic this year!



Father Joe's Morning Ride: Watching

The late Pacific Northwest summers are a most excellent time to be riding just about anything...bicycle, horse, motorcycle...scooter or skateboard...anything. The warm winds wrap us up. The Sun is high and hot. Yet the sights and sounds and smells of change are beginning to wiggle into our consciousness.

As I ride my beloved bike "Rosie" now mostly in the mornings and late evenings I see the beginnings of the greeting of Autumn slowly starting to emerge. The leaves are already starting to show us a different side...yellow, redder, crisper. The huge late Summer Moon telling us what is next...often a gentle, early evening chill serves as a "foreword" to the Autumn chapter that awaits us. And so we again move around the Medicine Wheel...from the fury, heat, activity, motion and movement of Red of Summer into the more introspective, quiet and often restorative dark of Autumn.

This transition can sometimes sneak up on us if we are not careful and watching. All of a sudden we realize that Summer is gone, that the leaves are down and the rains of Autumn are suddenly upon us. But the change does not really sneak up on us...if we are watching, looking, listening, smelling and seeing. We can see the subtlety of the change if we choose to stop, look, feel, observe.

Our Ancestors were much better observers than we have become. Subtle changes now elude us...slow movements completed over time are often a mystery..."When did that happen!" or "How did this get here?" A perfect example of our diminished ability to observe is the classic grandparent reunion. The grandparents after not seeing their grandchildren for some time always seem to say, "My goodness how you've grown!" And the parents questioning response is "They have???"

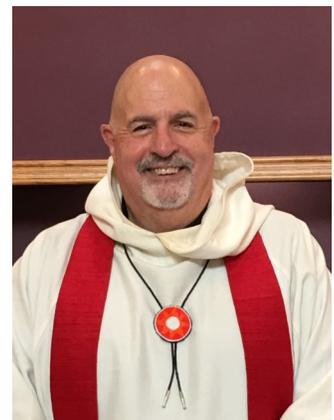
Before there was a calendar, before the days and months had a name, the Ancestors watched and listened, smelled and heard the passing of time. Feeling the crispness appear in the Wind, watching the animals and birds comings and goings, the cycles of the Moon and the days lengthening and shortening. Before the atomic clock could slice time into the nano and picosecond...before the smart watch...the Ancestors knew what was coming and when.

In our lust for connectivity and connection we have become disconnected from much that sustains us. With our earbuds and headphones we have disconnected from the bird's song and the wind's whisper. Our lust for information has left us uninformed, as we fill our time with the podcast and the blog, we have forgotten the phases of the Moon and the stories that the Constellations tell. With our Twittering and SnapChatting, our lust for the latest news or piece of gossip has left us unable to be silent...unwilling to be still. Having "nothing to do" is now "boring" as our attention span withers and our ability to find comfort with silence and introspection dissolves.

The young children were full of questions as they surrounded the Elder by the fire. Then a young one asked, "Grandfather, where does the Creator live?" Grandfather stopped and was quiet for a long time...the fire crackled and the evening breeze lifted the smoke from the fire high into the night. Grandfather took a deep breath, looked deeply into the eyes of the Children and said, "My Blessed Ones, The Creator lives in the quiet place between our breathing in and our breathing out". Breathe deeply....

Blessings and Enjoy the Ride,

Father Joe



From the Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

As the lazy days of summer come to a close, I start reviewing this year and looking towards the next. We just presented our grant request of \$15,000 for 2017 and hope to hear by the end of September. Our new treasurer, Carol Sanza, is doing an excellent job in learning our new system and managing our finances. We all have more to learn in that area, but major progress has been made. Fiona Neumann has been helping with data entry and In Kind donations.

There are many who have worked continuously on behalf of All Saints behind the scenes and they—and **you**—help to make this congregation vibrant. **Time, talent, hugs, kind words and money make it all work.**

All Saints has come a long ways in our quest for self-sufficiency. Our Mutual Ministry Plan outlines the future as we continue our journey serving God and making All Saints strong financially. We all need to pray and search our hearts as we begin our Fall Stewardship campaign mid-month.

During 2016, thirty-seven (37) parishioners signed pledge cards averaging over \$1800.00. Our goal for 2017 will be to increase the number of pledges to over forty (40). As we work on the budget we will develop a dollar goal to support our 2017 programs and operations. Stay tuned!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

With faith,

Vicki
Senior Warden

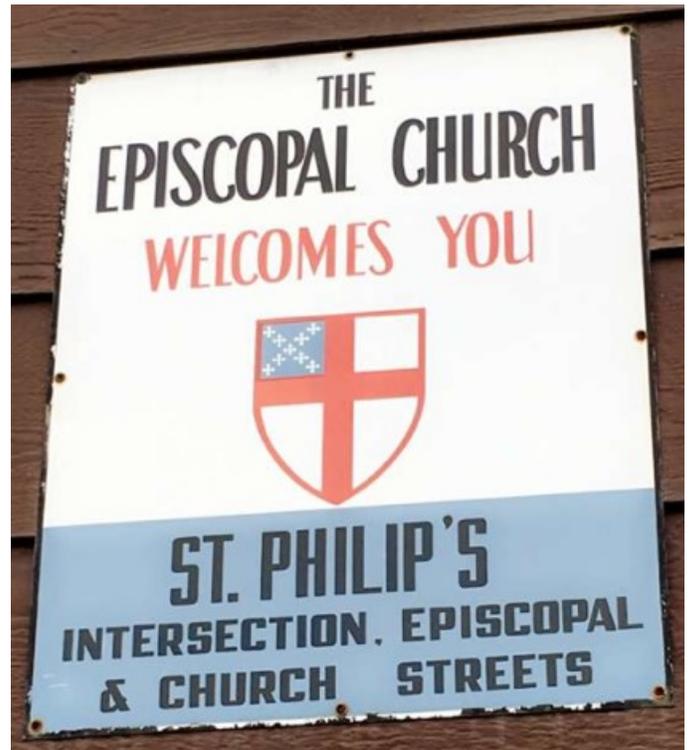


Sunday School starts again September 4th!

Calling all Cursillists!

We are in need of team members for the upcoming Co-Ed weekend Sept. 15 thru Sept. 18, 2016, whether you can only Angel for a few

hours, a whole day, or would like to come the entire weekend. Please contact Sheryl Haase at sherylhaase@comcast.net or Marsha Jet the Rectora at jetmar@bconline.com.



If only our street names were as descriptive!
Seen in Wrangell, Alaska.



SAVE THE DATES!

We will be participating in the WHO (Winter Hospitality Overflow) program again this year, in cooperation with Bethel Lutheran and Family of Christ Lutheran. That worked so well last year – none of the three churches really has enough people to staff two complete weeks so sharing distributes the load.

Our dates will be the evening of November 13 to the morning of November 19 at St. Andrew's, and the evening of January 1 to the morning of January 4 at St. James.

Signup sheets will be available this fall. Please remember that if you want to support this program and can't commit to a shift at one of the shelters, donations of food, personal care items and sheets and towels are always welcome.

For any questions, please contact Candy Weatherby

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Election Message

This November we gather together as a nation to vote not only to elect a new president but to elect governmental leaders on a variety of levels. We are blessed as a nation to be able to do so as citizens of this country. This is a right, an obligation, and a duty. And indeed the right and the privilege to be able to vote is something that was won through an American revolution. Something that was won even more through civil rights and women's suffrage. A right and a privilege that was won for all. So I encourage you to please go and vote. Vote your conscience. Vote your perspective. But vote.

But it's not just simply a civil obligation and duty. Voting and participation in our government is a way of participating in our common life. And that is a Christian obligation. Indeed, we who follow in the Way of Jesus of Nazareth are summoned to participate actively as reflections of our faith in the civil process.

In the thirteenth chapter of Romans, sometimes a chapter that is debated among scholars and among Christians, St. Paul reminds us that we have a duty and an obligation to participate in the process of government, *"For that is how our common life is ordered and structured."* And at one point he actually says, *"For the same reason,"* going on, he's expanding, he says, *"For the same reason you also pay taxes for the authorities are God's servants, busy with everything."* That's probably very true. *"Pay to all them that is due them. Taxes to whom taxes are due. Revenue to whom revenue is due. Respect to whom respect is due. Honor to whom honor is due."* Now he's talking about the role of government as helping to order our common life. But here's what I want you to really hear. He continues and says:

"So owe no-one anything except to love one another. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments 'You shall not commit adultery', 'You shall not murder', 'You shall not steal', 'You shall not covet', any other commandment, they are all summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'. Love does no wrong to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

For St. Paul, the way of love, the love of neighbor, is the fulfilling not only of the moral law of God, but the way to fulfill the civil law. Go and vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor. To participate in the process of seeking the common good. To participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as a follower of Jesus.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

Announce your ministry events!

Deadline for the October 2016 *Saints Alive!* is:

September 18, 2016.

**Email your submissions to
admin@allsaints-vancouver.org**



September Birthdays:

Grant M.	September 3
Sheryl H.	September 4
Jeremy M.	September 19

September Anniversaries:

Tom & Alice Williams	September 11
Dick & Leslie Woods	September 29

IT'S SOCCER TIME AGAIN!!!

The Fall Soccer season will begin again on September 10, which is the first Saturday after Labor Day. Our fields and parking lot will again be full of small children, their parents, grandparents, older and younger siblings – and the occasional dog.

The two soccer leagues from Salmon Creek are “Mini Mod” which means the fields, the teams and the kids are all smaller. There are two levels: “Under Six” and “Under Seven.” So the kids are just learning the difference between the ball and the goal, and have an attention span of 5-10 seconds, which makes them a lot of fun to watch since you never know quite what they’ll do next. If you know anything about soccer you’ll find yourself in hysterics watching a child roaring down the field, bent on making a goal – against himself.

As usual, we’ll be welcoming them with cookies and water, as well as a friendly smile, a handy first aid kit, and “facilities” (the league supplies and pays for a PortaPotty). *Not* as usual, our very own “Santa” (aka Dan Haase) will not be on hand every Saturday. After seven (yes, SEVEN) years of cheering the young ones on, Dan is retiring, though he says he’ll show up occasionally because he’ll miss watching the little ones. The soccer leagues and especially All Saints owe Dan a great debt. Because of him the children and their parents know who we are, and know that this is a safe and comfortable place for children to be. It’s going to be a hard act to follow, especially for someone who has no intention of growing a beard, or ability to do so!

As all our members who have been around for more than six months know, we provide free cookies (preferably homemade) and water for the kids. Yes, we accept donations, but we don’t make a big thing of it – and the donations go right back to the program to buy more water – and the occasional boxes of “store bought” cookies as a last resort if our bakers have all taken the week off.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. You can sign up for and take a shift at the refreshment table. Games are scheduled every hour on the hour from 9 to 3 or 4pm. If you can sign up for a morning or an afternoon shift, that’s great – but we’ll take whatever time you can give us! Ideally, we will have two people per shift, but if there is only one, you’ll find yourself talking to parents and grandparents. Duties are very simple – all you do is respond when a child asks if he may have a cookie. The response is “if it’s okay with your Mom or Dad.” (We do this because our cookies may have nuts, wheat or other allergens in them and we don’t want to cause any problems.) Cookie recipients are not limited to players – their siblings and accompanying adults may have some too. Your other duties are to point out the location of the Porta-Potty, and explain that there is no cost for either the cookies or water, but if someone wants to make a donation, we’ll gladly accept it. Very occasionally we’ll have to remind an adult that these are only children, the referees and coaches are volunteers, and shouting abuse at anyone will not be tolerated.
2. (You knew this was coming, right?) You can bake cookies! All kinds. Simply bring them to church and put them in the freezer in the refrigerator next to the kitchen door. We go through 4-6 dozen cookies on a Saturday.

That’s it. (Well, the person on the first shift and the person on the last shift on Saturday will need to help set up and take down the cookie table.) The coaches are responsible for setting up and taking down the goals, which are stored in the mower shed.

We’ve been told time and time again that the All Saints soccer fields are the best in the county. The kids enjoy coming here – and it is such fun to have them!

Look for a signup sheet soon for the month of September!

All Saints Ministry Schedule: September 2016

SCRIPTURES	Pentecost 16 Sept 4	Pentecost 17 Sept 11	Pentecost 18 Sept 18	Pentecost 19 Sept 25	
1ST LESSON	Jeremiah 18:1-11 or Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 or Exodus 32:7-14	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 or Amos 8:4-7	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 or Amos 6:1a,4-7	
PSALM	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 or Psalm 1	Psalm 14 or Psalm 51:1-11	Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 113	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 or Psalm 146	
2ND LESSON	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19	
GOSPEL	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31	
<u>SUNDAYS</u> 9 AM	EUCHARIST	EUCHARIST	EUCHARIST	EUCHARIST	
Altar Setup	Sydney	Martha	Fiona	Pat	
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Mona Pocha Sheryl Haase	Sheridan Curtis Candy Weatherby	Jon Metts Fiona Neumann	Alice Williams Rob Ash	
First Lesson/ Psalm	Sharon Metts	Matt Philbrook	Elizabeth Scovel	Dee Ann Teseneer	
Second Lesson	Jon Metts	Carol Burckhardt	Derick Scovel	Tom Williams	
Ushers	Al Manning	Rob Ash	Tom Williams	Candy Weatherby	
Greeters	Vicki Setzer	Kitty Ash	Elizabeth/Roman	Martha Stephenson	
Sunday School	Sheridan	Beth	Matt	Sheridan	
Nursery	Kitty	Martha	Alice	Kitty	
	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Potluck/PICNIC</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	
Coffee Hour/ Potluck Team	Martha, Carol S, Margaret, Elise+Joe	Sydney, Carol B., Linda, Candy	Kitty, Rob Vicki, Mona	Susan, Alice Tom, Emilie	

Each Wednesday, Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m.
followed by Wed. Evening Adult Study until 8:30 p.m.
(mid-September through May)

Worship Leaders: Rob A., Suzanne P., Martha S.

