

All Saints'

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Worship Services

Sunday, 8:00am & 10:15am
Wednesday, 12:10pm

Major Weekly Programs

September – June

Midweek Bible Study

Wednesday, 1:00pm

Music Rehearsals

Choir - Thursday, 7:30pm

Handbells - Thursday, 6:15pm

Holy Week Services

Monday, April 6

7:00 AM: Morning Prayer

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 AM: Morning Prayer

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 AM: Morning Prayer

12:10 PM: Healing and Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 9

7:00 AM: Morning Prayer

6:00 PM: Agape Meal

7:00 PM: Holy Communion

8:00 PM: The Vigil before the Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 10

---Vigil continues until Noon

7:00 AM: Morning Prayer

12:00 PM: Liturgy of Good Friday

7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 11

7:00 PM: Great Vigil and the First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:00/10:15 AM: Festival Eucharist

Monday, April 13

Office Closed





Saints Alive!

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Richland, Washington

April 2009

Holy Week and Easter Services

The complete Holy Week and Easter schedule is elsewhere in this issue, but I want to describe the services where we walk with Jesus from the night of his arrest through to the resurrection garden.

April 9 Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Agape dinner

7:00pm Eucharist and Stripping of Altar

8:00pm Vigil in Chapel at the Altar of Repose begins

April 10 Good Friday

12 noon service with Communion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

April 11 Holy Saturday

7:00pm Great Vigil of Easter with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Maundy Thursday ... named for *mandatum novum*, the "new commandment" that the disciples received: to love one another as Jesus loved them. We remember Jesus' Last Supper in which he creates the Eucharist, the vigil with him in the garden, and his arrest. The service ends with the lights dim and the sanctuary stripped of adornment and worship vessels, acting out the emptiness now that Jesus is gone! After the service, parishioners keep vigil with the Reserve Sacrament in our chapel. "Can't you stay awake one hour?" Jesus asks his disciples. The chapel vigil ends with the Good Friday service at noon.

Good Friday ... The sacrifice of Christ draws our attention away from our selves, and gives us a glimpse into the pain and grief of God. At noon, there is a one-hour liturgy of the Passion, Solemn Collects, homily, and communion from the Reserved Sacrament. At 7:00pm we pray the

Stations of the Cross, modeled after pilgrims to Jerusalem praying at different sites associated with Jesus' passion and death.

The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:00pm on Holy Saturday, is the most glorious and dramatic part of Holy Week. Beginning in a darkened church, the Paschal Candle brings in the resurrection flame that spreads from candle to candle through the congregation. The Exsultet recalls God's saving acts, ("This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death .. how holy is this night!") and we hear stories of salvation history. An explosion of light, color, and music heralds the Resurrection, as we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

Agape Dinner: April 9, 6:00pm

In the Episcopal Church, a tradition is anything we've done once and liked. So, the Agape Dinner is now an All Saints' tradition. The dinner has a special menu, and contains some ritual that leads us into the Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Stripping of the Sanctuary.

Agape Dinners are "love feasts," enactments of our love for God and for each other. Agape Dinners in Holy Week traditionally are vegetarian, with finger foods and easy-to-eat items such as sliced cheese, fresh and dried fruit, hummus, olives, nuts, tabouli and other vegetarian salads, flat breads. We aren't ready for the Easter feast yet!

There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex, with places to let us know what you're bringing for the meal. Come to the dinner, come to the service, stay for the vigil ... please plan to participate in all or part of Maundy Thursday.

Rectors Corner

by Jan Griffin

“If archaeologists found the bones of Jesus, would you care?” Would your faith be shaken or your worship life be changed? Would you still go to the altar with your heart open and your hands outstretched, confident that God will meet you there and feed your soul? Will you still stake your life on God’s compassion, mercy, forgiveness and grace?

If you read all four Gospels’ accounts of the Resurrection and the appearances of the Risen Lord, you will find grounds for believing that Jesus rose from the dead in his human body (the scars, the eating) and reasons to believe that he was resurrected in a spiritual body (unrecognizable, moving thru walls). The stories agree on two things: the tomb was empty and the disciples encountered someone they knew was Jesus.

The empty tomb was either a plot by the authorities or a ruse by the disciples, or a cosmic joke on them all, by God Most High. The authorities believed that they have the power of life and death in God’s world. The disciples believed this also. Both get a Big Lesson about who’s in charge of life and death and life eternal!

The encounters with Jesus .. unrecognized until Mary Magdalene heard him call her name, unknown to two followers until he broke bread with them, disbelieved by the disciples until he ate fish and showed his scars .. how much was objective reality, how much was holy vision? Where is the line between the material and the Mystery?

What about the possibility of those bones showing up? The tomb was empty. Whatever God was doing on earth as Jesus of Nazareth, it was finished, as one gospeller has Jesus say from the Cross. The conquering of death is done, and nothing at all can change that. Not even bones. Death no longer has dominion over Jesus, and even though we know that our bones, our ashes, our dust will stay behind to nourish the earth from which we came, we know that everything essential about our life in God will continue.

Christ continues to show up, to eat with us and show his scars, and to find us in our sealed and hidden rooms. He may look like the delivery guy or the waitress, with any accent or age he chooses, but always with the same agenda: to lead us into new life, and make us bearers of his light into the world.

The story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ has many possibilities. But when we open our hearts and eyes to see him in encounters with other people, when we are quiet enough to hear our name called and know a cosmic shiver of excitement and joy, when we offer hospitality to a stranger and know Jesus in the breaking of the bread ... then all we need is the empty tomb, the assurance of God’s abiding presence, and Christ’s promise to be with us always.

I invite you to the full experience of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil of Easter, and Easter Day.

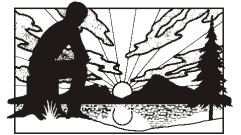
There’s no story like this story, God’s story, our story. Whatever happened, resurrection happened. He is risen from the dead, to bring us all to himself.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Think Camp Cross!

Dates are out for Camp sessions for the summer, but we are still trying to verify them.

Week-long camps are for students entering grade 4 or older, with an Alumni weekend, College/Young Adult, Men’s, and Women’s Weekends all worked in, plus the regular 4th of July and Labor Day Family Camps. If you haven’t been to beautiful Camp Cross on Lake Coeur d’Alene, make this your summer to go.



All Saints’ offers scholarships for all first-time campers, and has scholarship money available for returning campers who need assistance. Just ask Jan Griffin or Theresa Grate.

In an effort to save paper and postage, the diocese is compiling a list of e-mail addresses to use to send Camp Cross newsletters and other information about Camp Cross. This is an earth-friendly way to keep up with all the happenings at the camp. If you would like to be included in this list, send your e-mail address to Colin Haffner at chaffner53@hotmail.com.

Children & Youth Ministries

by Theresa Grate



Rehearsal for Good Friday, April 5.

During the Sunday school hour (9 to 10am) on Palm Sunday, we will be assigning parts and readings, and practicing the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday. It is really important for you to be here if you want to take part in the service on Good Friday. We will be meeting up in the loft. If you will not be taking part in the rehearsal, you can help prepare for the Egg Hunt in the 1st-3rd grade room (the one off the Parish Hall).

Stations of the Cross, April 10, 7:00pm. Our Sunday School students will be presenting the stations for the whole parish on Good Friday. Students need to be here at 5:45 to run through everything one more time in the sanctuary.

Help deliver baskets, April 11. Any students who wish to help deliver Easter baskets to the residents of Richland Life Care are welcome to join in. We will meet in the church classrooms at 10:00am to load up the baskets and take them to RLC. Thanks to Gayle Bittinger who brought us a couple of adorable patterns for making baskets, and to Gayle, Isabela Carson, Rilie Berg, and Mia Portlock for making up the 60 baskets.

Easter Flowers. Everyone is invited to bring flowers for the flowering cross on Easter morning. The cross will be set up outside the front door. Bring your flowers and place them in the cross before coming inside. We'd love to see the cross again blooming full of blossoms during the egg hunt! This makes a great spot for a family photo, too.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 12. Following the 10:15 service we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children and parents should meet in the multipurpose room to get a bag and some guidelines for the hunt, while the Easter bunnies finish hiding the eggs. We will be hunting in the front yard, with a separate area set aside for the youngest hunters.

There will be NO Sunday School CLASSES or CHILDREN'S CHAPEL on Easter. All the kids will want to be upstairs in church!

Earth Day, April 19-Combined Sunday School. We will combine the students to celebrate Earth Day in the Parish Hall with a myriad of activities, music, cool crafts from recycled items, and

information on ways we can all help the earth.

Vacation Bible School planning meeting, Sunday, May 3, noon. This is the time to come find out about this summer's VBS! Our theme will be "Rainforest Adventure," and the dates have been set: **August 10-14** from 9 to noon each day. We are going to try it a little later in the summer this year. In addition to people to lead the various activities, we also need people to help ahead of time with decorations and prep work. If you are interested in helping, but can't make this meeting, please contact Theresa Grate in the church office, 943-1169.

Pennies for Peace. The Middle-High School class has collected more than \$225 so far (that's a lot of rolling!) to help build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, thanks to your generosity. They are still collecting, so keep bringing in your pennies and spare change. Collection buckets are located in the narthex and the Parish Hall.

Thank you to all who helped with the Youth Lock-In and the Lenten pretzels. The Lock-In was especially successful this year, and thanks go to our panel of guests from various religions—including Islam, Judaism, and Orthodox Christianity—and to Lena Carson, Steve Goheen, and Michelle Smith for organizing it. A special thanks to the brave adults who took the overnight shift: Richelle Wilde, Lena Carson, Colin Haffner, and Steve Anderson.

Thanks to all the dough makers, rollers, and bakers for the pretzels, too—delicious as always! We had many new people helping this year with this annual activity, and a new head baker, Zoe Grate, who made sure all the pretzels got salted, and cooked thoroughly.

Saints and Sinners



Saints and Sinners will meet on Friday, April 17, at the home of John and JoAnne Deichman, 2837 Hawkstone Ct., in Richland. The social hour begins at 6:00pm and dinner is at 7:00pm. Singles are asked to provide dessert or salad, and couples may bring a main dish or salad and dessert. Please bring silverware, plate, cup, and \$2.00 for beverage. **Please RSVP the Deichmans by April 15 at 375-0323.**

Vestry Retreat: Rector Search Process

by Mark Hoffmann, Senior Warden

Kristi Philip, Canon to the Ordinary, met with the Vestry the evening of March 6 to provide consulting on the rector search process for our congregation. The search process currently recommended in the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane has evolved since the last rector search at All Saints' in 1999. Kristi discussed three key elements related to Transitions in Parishes:

1) Endings are important. When the priest retires, it is a time to celebrate and give thanks for the years shared in ministry.

2) Transitional times take some planning and care. There is more than one model for the transitional ministry:

Traditional Model: The priest leaves and the search committee begins the parish self study. An interim priest serves in the parish.

Newer Model: The priest announces a time to leave and the search process proceeds before she departs. An interim priest may be required, but the time with an interim is shorter before the new priest arrives.

3) The self-study that the search committee leads is vital to set the stage for the direction and focus of the congregation and clarity about choosing its next ordained leader.

The initial steps in the search process include the All Saints' Vestry developing a budget and job description for the search committee and then appointing members to the search committee. The names of the search committee members selected are forwarded to the Bishop, and the Bishop and deployment officer assign a consultant (e.g., Kristi Philip) to assist the committee. The key steps in the search process include: gathering information for a parish and priest profile, working with the Diocesan Deployment Office to post the position, screening the names, conducting interviews and reference checks, inviting the selected candidates to visit All Saints', visiting the candidates' home parishes, and providing final candidates to the Vestry for approval.

As part of the discernment process, during April we will be conducting a survey called the Church Assessment Tool (CAT). Each member 16 years

old or older can participate in the survey. The CAT will provide the search committee with insight into how the congregation feels about our church and what they want in our new rector.

The Vestry met on March 16 to start the detailed planning for the selection of a search committee. At the meeting the Vestry agreed that the search committee needs to be a broad representation of the parish. A Rector Search Committee Interest Form has been developed so that parishioners interested in participating in the search for All Saints' new rector can be identified to the Vestry. A copy is included with this month's *Saints Alive* and is requested to be returned by April 13 to the Senior Warden.

Office Closed Monday April 13

The office will be closed Monday, April 13 to recover from Holy Week and Easter. The office staff needs a day to recuperate, so please leave a message ...we'll get back to you on April 14.

Adult Discussion Sessions in April

The Adult Discussion Sessions in April will concentrate on Holy Week on Palm Sunday, and take a break on Easter. Then we'll look at the meaning of Easter using "Practicing Resurrection" and honor Earth Day with "Reclaiming the World," both using material on DVD from the series Living the Questions.

April 5th (Palm Sunday) - Walking with Jesus through the whole of Holy Week, not just the last three great days of it.

April 12th (Easter) - No class today

April 19th - Practicing Resurrection (DVD presentation) and discussion

April 26th - Reclaiming the World (DVD presentation) and discussion

Palm Sunday we'll meet in the library. The 19th and 26th we'll meet in the multi-purpose room.

Thank You Everyone!

We give Thanks!

- For the Vestry's energetic and thorough start on the search process, and the advice/help/suggestions from the diocese.

- For Bea Wardlow's hospitable and untiring help with anti-racism training weekends. Set-up, snacks, lunch, clean-up .. she was terrific!

- For all the people who stepped up to fill the ushers' ranks: Steve Wiley, Jon McCoy, Dixie Kinman, Cliff Porter, Paul Cross, Ted Miller.

Thank you all!



Say it plain: that many have died for this day.
Sing the names of the dead who brought us here,
who laid the train tracks, raised the bridges,

picked the cotton and the lettuce, built
brick by brick the glittering edifices
they would then keep clean and work inside of.

Praise song for struggle, praise song for the day. . .

Some live by *love thy neighbor as thyself*,
others by *first do no harm* or *take no more
than you need*. What if the mightiest word is love?

Love beyond marital, filial, national,
love that casts a widening pool of light,
love with no need to pre-empt grievance.

. . . ***Praise song for walking forward in that light.***

Spirit Song

by Ann Nash



The following poem was written by Elizabeth Alexander and read for Barack Obama's inauguration.

PRAISE SONG FOR THE DAY

Each day we go about our business,
walking past each other, catching each other's
eyes or not, about to speak or speaking.

All about us is noise. All about us is
noise and bramble, thorn and din, each
one of our ancestors on our tongues.

Someone is stitching up a hem, darning
a hole in a uniform, patching a tire,
repairing the things in need of repair.

Someone is trying to make music somewhere,
with a pair of wooden spoons on an oil drum,
with cello, boom box, harmonica, voice.

A woman and her son wait for the bus.
A farmer considers the changing sky.
A teacher says, *Take out your pencils. Begin.*

We encounter each other in words, words
spiny or smooth, whispered or declaimed,
words to consider, reconsider. . .

Pentecost T-shirts

You may have seen the beautiful tie-dyed shirts in flaming colors with a batiked dove being worn by All Saints' parishioners from time to time. We are making them again this year, and if you'd like a new one, another one, or haven't had one before, this is your chance (we only make them every 2-3 years because it is such an involved process).



May 3: Shirts due at the church. These must be 100% cotton, white shirts that have been laundered to take out any finishes on them (or the dye won't hold, and if they are not 100% cotton, the dye colors will be very faded). Please write your name on the tag or the inside shirt collar with a Sharpie permanent marker. I will have a sign-up sheet if you want to order a white cotton shirt rather than get your own.

In May we will be applying the wax doves, tie-dying them on May 10 & 17 (everyone gets to do their own), then rinsing and washing the shirts, and ironing out the wax so they will be ready for you to take on May 24, and wear on Pentecost, May 31! Adults available during the day to help with the waxing, washing, and ironing would be appreciated — please contact Theresa.

A Spiritual Journey with Dutch Carlisle

On April 17 at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane, Sister Leslie from the Episcopal Religious Order of the Community of the Holy Spirit will be leading the annual Silent Retreat. Her meditations will be “Forgiveness.” The chaplain is The Reverend Margaret Fisher. This is a rare and delightful way of taking a vacation from our busy lives — a time to enjoy the silence, the beautiful grounds of the retreat center, watch the deer feed in the grass, chipmunks scurry about, and birds singing everywhere. There is a comfortable lounge, a beautiful chapel, a very good chef (Oh yum), books to browse, paths to follow, and private rooms in which to rest.

All of this is only \$160 for two nights and eight meals. The retreat starts after dinner but you can, for an extra \$10, arrive Friday afternoon anytime after 1:00pm and before 6:00 and have a delicious dinner while getting acquainted with one another. The silence starts right after a social hour and is not broken in any way until after communion on Sunday when we all go to lunch.

I cannot express what a peace-giving event this is. I come back totally relaxed and completely spiritually nourished. I pray that some of you will discover this wonderful retreat. Couples are welcome.

I have two spots left in my car if you want transportation and I will also give you instructions how to get there if you prefer to drive yourself. To reserve your weekend make a check for \$160 (or \$170) or a deposit of \$50 to CHS Associates and send to the convener for the community, Carolyn Terry, 245 East 13th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99202. Any questions call me 375-0177 or Carolyn at 509-448-3037.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Lisa Richmond



The April gathering for the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Friday, April 24, 9:30am to 11:30am in the activity room at Horn Rapids RV Resort.), 2640 Kingsgate Way, in Richland. The activity room is located across from the resort mini-mart as you come in the main entrance. Please call Adrienne Jacobsen at 528-8462 by April 22 if you plan to come. New members are always welcome.

The Outreach Corner

by Dot Honaker



On March 11th, the Outreach Committee sponsored a table for eight at 2nd Harvest’s “Take a Bite Out Of Hunger” dinner. Four couples represented All Saints’ at this food and wine tasting and auction fundraiser. 2nd Harvest fights hunger in the Columbia Basin by providing food for at least eight food banks and through Project Backpack, which sends food for the weekend home with low-income children from eight local elementary schools. Thank you for supporting this sponsorship.

On the weekend of May 2nd, the Outreach Committee will hold its spring Yard Sale. Lent is a time for re-evaluation and getting rid of “stuff” and putting our lives in better order. We can do that with our closets and cabinets and storage sheds also. Beginning Sunday, April 26th, you can drop off your donations at the church after the 10:15am service. Please bring items that are clean and in working order. We cannot accept computer items, large appliances, or TVs. The co-chairs for this event are Joanna Nesheim and Diane Goheen. Please contact them if you have any questions and to let them know you will lend a helping hand.

On May 30th, the Outreach Committee will have its’ BBQ for the parish. There will be wonderfully good food and music for the entire family. As last year, all money taken in will be given to the Richland Food Bank.

Mark and remember these two dates and look for details in the next Outreach Corner and on fliers and sign-up sheets that will be posted around the church.



Newsletter Deadline
Monday,
April 27