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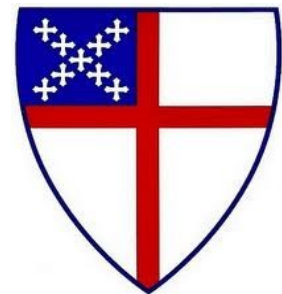
ANNUAL MEETING TO RESUME

On **Sunday, June 10th**, the Annual Meeting of All Saints' Church will resume from its recess last January. The single order of business will be consideration of the Vestry's proposal for a possible addition to our present sanctuary and new office space to the east of the Christian Education room in Memorial Hall.

It was our hope to have a proposal ready for the parish at the time of publication for this E-Letter but, because so many were out of town on May 20th for the Vestry meeting, and because of that, we did not have a quorum, we had to postpone the Vestry meeting to June 3rd. Immediately following that meeting, we will send, via email, the proposal to all in the congregation. As well, we will work to identify all those who receive our newsletters apart from email and get the proposals out to them as well.

We really need all to attend this meeting as our decision will do much to shape the future of the ministry of All Saints. As this is our responding to God's call to us, to be engaged in the world around us, all of us who make up our neck of the woods of the Body of Christ are invaluable to our deliberation.

We will gather together for a light lunch at 12:30 and get to business at 1:00 in the afternoon, all following the 11:00 June 10th service. Please, make every effort to join us all in this most important gathering.



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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

I love it when I have read, over the last 18 years, in The Missoulian, an "Open Letter to the President." For some reason, I really doubt that the President even knows that this particular daily exists. But those letters are printed and presumably we all read over the Commander-in-Chief's shoulder, the wisdom that comes from some guy in Ferndale, Frenchtown, or Florence.

Well, as absurd as I find such letters, I would like to invite you to read an open letter, written by me, to the Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Dear Bradley,

This may take you by surprise, but it is June and the season of summer is upon us. In the past, you have not taken this very seriously and this year looks the same because, as evidenced by your date book (Are you ever going to switch to having your schedule on your smart phone?) you have pretty well already penciled in stuff throughout the entire month. And then comes July and there is General Convention gobbling up, like the old Pac Man video

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game, a good twelve days in the first two weeks. In short, if you work the summer the way you usually do, you probably will wind up finally considering going out for a sail on Flathead in your old boat sometime in November when "Whitsunday Passage" is back on its trailer in the parking lot, or maybe work in a game of golf, perhaps in January.

Bradley, old friend, at the risk of pointing out the obvious, you are a fool. Do you not remember your boss, Bill Maxwell, who is 93 (wonder how he got to live that long?) said "When we die and face our Lord, we shall be held accountable for every legitimate pleasure in which we did not engage." Let me repeat that. "When we die and face our Lord, we shall be held accountable for every legitimate pleasure in which we did not engage."

It is idiotic not to engage cheerfully and wonderfully in the world around you....literally. The Greek concept of idiocy was not that you were foolish but that you were isolated. Forgetting to recreate in creation and with friends is actually a form of separation, which we call in the church, sin. Well, in the 8th Chapter of John's Gospel it says, "Sin no more." So get caught up in the loveliness of the world and its people around you.

Anyway, take a tip from the above and enjoy this place God has created just for you. It is actually holy ground and you need to rest your feet upon it.

Now then, there is a chance some of your parishioners should take to heart the same advice that is meant for you. To that end, I'm sending this as an open letter. Hopefully they have more sense than you do.

I remain, begging you to wake up.

You (Me)

My dear friends, let's not let these lovely days pass without noticing them as part of the exuberant blessings of God and as a result, dive right into the midst of them. They are a gift, pure and simple. Let us be mindful of God's generosity.

Faithfully yours,

Bradley

DAY CAMP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Calling all day campers! Camp is just around the corner. There will be lots of things to do as witnessed below in photos from previous years. Watch upcoming issues of the e-letter for updates or check now on the diocese website for the latest. (<https://diomontana.com/>) I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities for volunteering with camp and hosting counselors. The dates are July 30 – August 3 and August 6 -10, (8-5 daily).



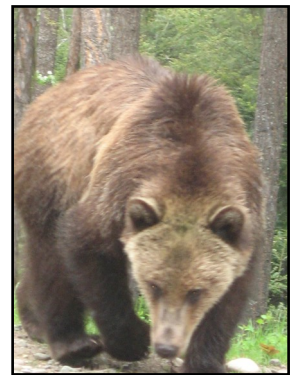
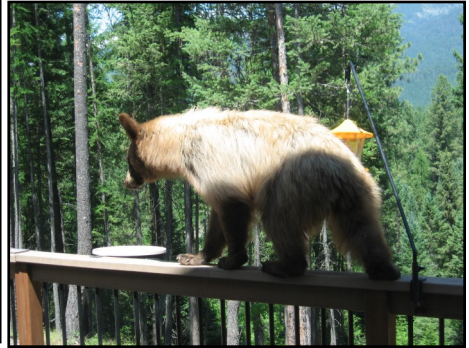
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3 Services at 9 and 11 am Vestry 12:15	4	5	6 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs 10 am service at The Springs	7 Noon service at AS	8	9
10 Services at 9 and 11 am Annual Meeting Resumes 12:30	11	12	13 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs 10 am service at The Springs	14 Noon service at AS	15	16
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24 Services at 9 and 11 am	25	26	27 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs 10 am service at The Springs	28 Noon service at AS	29	30

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR....AGAIN

As you might have heard, there were some unexpected visitors at the memorial service for Paula Stephenson on the 25th of May...a mother bear and two cubs.

It's time to start being aware of your surroundings as you are out in the park, or walking local trails or just being at home, as evidenced by the photos below of critters than have visited your editor's house out near Many Lakes since she's lived here.



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Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus forever.

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