



ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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AT LAST!

“that they **all**
may be **one**”

John 17:21

On March 27th the foremost goal of the All Saints' capital campaign “that they all may be one” will finally be realized with the combining of the 9 and 11 am Sunday services into ONE principal Sunday service at 10 am. New chairs for additional seating are currently being constructed and will be arriving this spring.

The combination of the two main services into one principal service will afford more folks the opportunity to participate in educational offerings and fellowship; will bring about the critical mass necessary for a more vibrant youth program, and secure our identity as All Saints'.

Beginning on Sunday, March 27th, the new schedule will be:

- ◆ 8 am-Rite II “said” service-no music
- ◆ 9 am-Sunday School for adults in the church
- ◆ 9 am-Godly Play for youth in the Christian Ed room
- ◆ 10 am-Rite II service (with music and hymns)
- ◆ Coffee hour in Memorial Hall following service
- ◆ 7 pm-Contemplative service

We will be serving breakfast at 9 and 11 am for anyone who shows up for the “old” worship times.

SPRING FORWARD!

Once again it's time to switch to Daylight Saving Time. (where does the time go? Didn't we just turn them back last week?) Either on **Saturday night March 12** or **Sunday morning March 13** your clocks will need to be set **AHEAD** one hour.



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happy
ST. PATRICK'S
day

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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The All Saints' Annual Meeting took place on January 23, 2022 at 12:30 pm. 32 members were in attendance either in person, in the church, or via Zoom. Charlie started out with the necrology of Kay Lorenz; gave a brief summary of the previous year (referring people to the annual reports for a more detailed recap of the year); gave his rector's report; and appointed Suzanne DeVore as his Sr. Warden for another year.

Retiring Vestry members Cynthia Benkelman, Kathy Thomas, and Betsy Paugh were recognized for their service on the Vestry. Election of new vestry members was held and Betsy Paugh, Dan Prickett, and Howard Wright were all elected for 3-year terms. Cynthia Benkelman remained on the Vestry as the Treasurer and Kathy Thomas as the Clerk. Carl Thomas also retained his position as Jr. Warden for another year.

Delegates elected to Diocesan Convention (which will be held in Missoula from September 30 - October 2) were: Cynthia Benkelman, Kathleen Martin, Jan Rayford, Jenanne Solberg, and Heidi Sobczak as alternate.

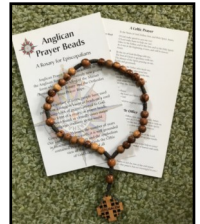
Reports presented included the treasurer's report from Cynthia with the 2021 end of year summary and the 2022 budget. Charlie presented a "state of the parish" report as well as an update from the Building Committee on possible options for the office expansion.

Other new business included an amendment to the bylaws. Basically it was just a "cleaning up" and clarification of the terms of the Sr. Warden and Jr. Warden. No Sr. or Jr. Warden who has served 2 consecutive years may be re-elected until one full year has passed.

Thank you to everyone who keeps things running by serving on the All Saints' Vestry.

ANGLICAN PRAYER BEAD WORKSHOP

Join Fr. Charlie on Tuesday, March 15 at 12 noon in Memorial Hall for a prayer bead workshop. Cost is \$5 for the supplies. You'll learn about this ancient form of prayer and make your very own personal Anglican rosary or chaplet. Please let Fr. Charlie know in advance so he can make sure to have enough supplies.

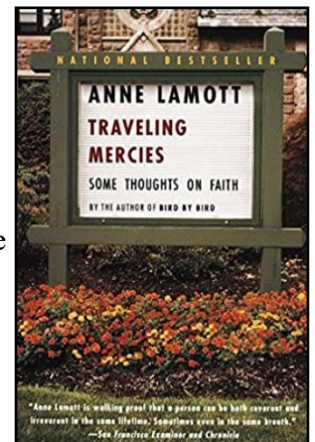


BOOK STUDY

Book Study took a short break after finishing their last book, but have just started up again with their new book, Anne Lamott's "Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith".

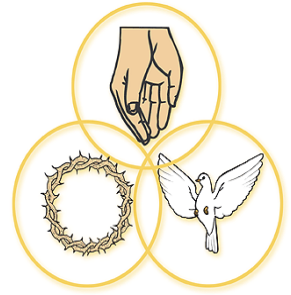
From Amazon: "Anne Lamott claims the two best prayers she knows are: 'Help me, help me, help me' and 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.' She has a friend whose morning prayer each day is 'Whatever,' and whose evening prayer is 'Oh, well.' Anne thinks of Jesus as 'Casper the friendly savior' and describes God as 'one crafty mother.'"

Book Study meets on Thursdays in a hybrid format, either in person in Memorial Hall or via Zoom. Email cknuth@allsaintsmt.org for the Zoom link.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School took a two week hiatus, on their study of women in the Bible, for Fr. Charlie to prepare his Lenten series: An Introduction to the Episcopal Church. Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church; a "cradle" Episcopalian; or would like to prepare to be confirmed or received (when the Bishop visits All Saints' in May); you'll get something out of this 5-week series. Sunday school will meet in the church at 12:20 pm on March 6, 13, and 20 and then at 9 am on March 27 and April 3 (when we switch to ONE principal service at 10 am).



So plan to join us for a look at the church we love...The Episcopal Church.

LENT MADNESS

This year we will not meet for weekly Lent Madness classes as we have done in the past. However, we will have the booklet of the biographies of the saints, as well as the bracket, available in the narthex. If you are so inclined, you can fill out the entire bracket and return it to church by March 6 along with \$10, then when Lent Madness ends online on April 13 whoever has the most "correct" winners, according to the online voting, will choose which non-profit will receive the "registration fees". You can play along online every day at www.lentmadness.org Happy Lent!



LENTEN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As is our practice during the 40 days of Lent, All Saints' will take time to concentrate on helping a population in need in our wider community. This year for our Lenten Community Offering the All Saints' Vestry has decided to support the Canyon Community Dinners. These once a month Canyon Dinners are a ministry of All Saints' that began in 2014 in partnership with the Whitefish and Columbia Falls Methodist Churches. This is a much needed outreach for residents "up the canyon" who need a helping hand making ends meet at the end of the month. Although the dinners were shut down for a little over a year during the pandemic, they have resumed, and are currently serving "to go" meals, but hope to get back in full swing serving festive meals, providing hospitality, and other services to those in need living just outside Glacier Park. It is our goal to raise \$2,000 which will provide a monthly dinner for 9 months and serve over 650 meals. Thank you for your support to this fabulous ministry. And, as always, if you are interested in helping at these monthly dinners contact Betsy and Steve Paugh or Fr. Charlie.



MARY LOU HURLEY

On Monday, March 7th at 1 pm, All Saints' will hold a Requiem Eucharist for long-time parishioner, Mary Lou Hurley, who died on February 25. The service will also be live streamed on the All Saints' YouTube channel:

[March 7, 2022 - Requiem Eucharist - All Saints' Live-stream - YouTube](#)



Condolences can be sent to Homer and the kids at 610 Tetrault Rd, Kalispell 59901

MASKING POLICY UPDATE

On February 27th, All Saints' changed its masking requirements in response to Bishop Marty's new masking guidelines. Masks are no longer required on campus for those who are vaccinated, but we ask that those who are not vaccinated continue to wear masks in all indoor settings. Of course masks are always welcome for anyone who would like to wear them, and we will continue to have surgical masks on hand, with N95 masks available upon request.

Please continue to show compassion (as you have during this entire pandemic) to those who are in a different place than you in regards to mask wearing and gathering. Some people will need to keep wearing masks, some will still not feel comfortable with handshakes or hugs, many will still not feel ready to attend coffee hour or other in person functions. We all have various levels of concern and risk in terms of our health.

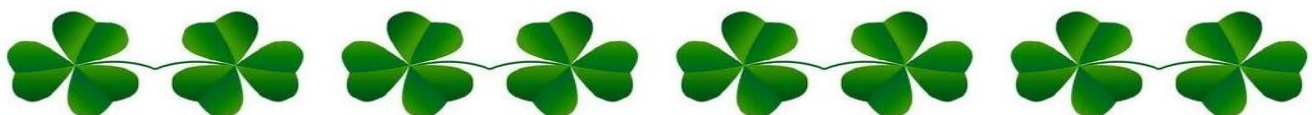
If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new masking rules, please feel free to reach out to Fr. Charlie.

COMMON CUP...BUT NOT SO COMMON

On Ash Wednesday, in response to new guidelines issued by the Bishop, All Saints' returned to the common cup, abandoning the use of the tiny glass communion "cup(s) of salvation" which aided us throughout the pandemic to safely receive "the blood of Christ". For those not yet comfortable sharing the common cup, cross your arms when at the altar rail and the chalice bearer will pass you by with the wine. We ask that you do not "intinct" (dip the bread into the wine) at this time. Studies have shown that intinction is actually less sanitary than sipping from the cup. However, everyone will still be able to receive "the blood of Christ" in the hosts. We will be "painting" the hosts with wine, allowing you to receive communion in "both kinds" even if you forgo drinking from the common cup.



For our return to the common cup, we will drink from a battlefield chalice used by Jesuit chaplains during the Civil War. While we do not know whether this cup was used by a Confederate or Union soldier, what is certain is that it contained the sacrificial blood of Christ even in the most violent of circumstances.



TITHING/PAYMENT OPTIONS USING CREDIT CARDS

For a while now people have asked for a way to use their credit card to give to All Saints'. Although All Saints' is unable to directly process credit cards, we can use a 3rd party merchant to do that. At the beginning of the pandemic when we could not meet in person and worship services had to be exclusively streamed, we opened up a PayPal account for people to be able to give "online". We now have a second means for online giving. We recently opened a Tithe.ly account. Tithe.ly is an online giving platform designed specifically for churches. You can find a link to the All Saints' Tithe.ly account (as well as PayPal) on our website.

Although there are login and sign up buttons you do NOT need to do either. There is a drop down menu to choose where you would like your donation to go: general offering, pledge, capital campaign, special offering (see memo), and rector's discretionary fund. If you choose "special offering" be sure to enter in the memo where you would like that to go ie; Lenten Community Offering or ERD for Ukraine etc. You can use a credit card or do a transfer from your bank account. There is also a box you can check if you would like to cover the processing fees, and the amount will appear right below your donation amount. For example, if you want to donate \$100 to the Lenten Community Offering there is a \$3.30 processing fee for that amount, so checking the box would cost you \$103.30 but that would send a full \$100 to All Saints' for the Lenten Offering.

If you have any questions about this new online giving option (or PayPal) you can talk to Shawn. As always, thank you for your generous support of All Saints'.

*Thank you for watching our
online worship service. If you
would like to support the
ministries of All Saints' you
may use one of the link below.*

*Donate via
PayPal*

*Donate via
Tithe.ly*

Donate

Give




ERD AND UKRAINE CRISIS

People have asked where they can donate to help the people of Ukraine. Episcopal Relief and Development is working with agencies to meet the humanitarian needs of Ukrainian refugees. You can visit <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/> to make a donation or if the form is legible, print, snip and mail!



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CHILI OPEN CLOSED

Some people have asked if there is anything happening with the Chili Open since it usually takes place during Lent. Unfortunately no one has stepped forward to spearhead organizing it, so the Vestry has decided to discontinue the Chili Open. There are some auction items that were donated in 2020, when we had to cancel it due to the beginning of the pandemic, that will be put in Memorial Hall to be auctioned off. And any money received from those auction items along with all money that was pre-paid for the Chili Open, two years ago, will be divided up and sent to the usual animal agencies that are supported through the Chili Open. It is disappointing that this fun event will be no longer take place at All Saints' but all the clubs, balls, and greens will be given to another church enabling the Chili Open to carry on at another venue, and we will find other ways to continue to support our favorite animal agencies.

All Saints' Episcopal Church



Annual Chili Open

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wed Service 12 noon Bible Study Live and on Zoom 10:30-11:30	3 Springs Service 11 am Book Group Live and on Zoom 6:00-7:00 pm	4	5
6 Service Hours on page 8 Adult Sunday School 12:20	7 Mary Lou Hurley Service 1 pm	8	9 Bible Study Live and on Zoom 10:30-11:30	10 Springs Service 11 am Book Group Live and on Zoom 6:00-7:00 pm	11	12 SET CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR!
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27 8:00 early service 9:00 youth & adult Sunday school 10:00 Main Service 11:00 coffee hour 7:00 Contemplative Service	28	29	30 Bible Study Live and on Zoom 10:30-11:30	31 Springs Service 11 am Book Group Live and on Zoom 6:00-7:00 pm		

SUNDAY SERVICE HOURS THROUGH MARCH 20TH

7:30 am-service only, no music



9:00 am-service with hymns



9:00 am service is streamed live on Facebook & YouTube

11:00 am-service with hymns followed by Sunday Bible Study at 12:20

7:00 pm-contemplative service, no hymns

HOME COMMUNION AND VISITATIONS

If you have had to take some time away from church, but would like to receive the sacrament, please let us know! While the bishop has requested that clergy refrain from scheduling home visits, (hospitals and senior living facilities won't allow them either!), Fr. Charlie would be more than happy to bring you the sacrament/say prayers with you on your doorstep, the hospital parking lot, or at the church.



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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. and ever.

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Just click on the link!

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