

ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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RECTOR'S LETTER

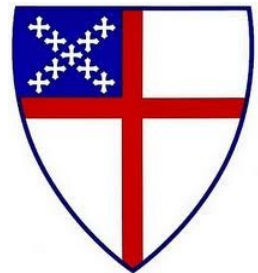
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When I was a Junior at Great Falls High, the rock band, Alice Cooper, came out with their raucous hit, "School's Out for Summer!" and car radios blasted it out of their speakers celebrating this wonderful season of the year. I thought of that this morning, the first day of summer as I write this, hoping that as I drive up to work, maybe satellite radio's "70's on 7" will play it and "all of us old guys," in the privacy of our cars, can sing out the lyrics with gusto.

Not unrelated to that, at our house, we have a certain morning liturgy (Greek word literally meaning, "public works") involving our neighbor's dogs, Taser, Heidi and Rainier, all Burmese Mountain Dogs, and our Little Bear and Brandie. Without fail, when our dogs go for their morning constitutional with me to the mailbox for the paper that is seldom there, the combined 350 pounds of dog from next door will come rushing over to greet ours, barking their heads off, and it will be as if they have never seen each other before. The excitement bubbles over exuberantly. It's a dog party!!!!!! Every morning, it is as if they are singing, "School's Out for Summer!" and discovering a brand new day filled with possibility. And, of course, they are right. It is a brand new day filled with possibility including the simple wonder of will today be the day the robins leave their nest in our four foot dwarf fir tree in the container on the deck? (It's also been fun to watch the mom of that nest, coming in at three ounces, chase away the curious Burmese Mountain Dogs, 1,800 times her weight. They are terrified of her.)

So what do dogs, birds, and "School's Out for Summer!" have to do with the faith? Plenty. We are about as far away as we can be from Christmas Day but today is as good a day as any to think of the incarnation of God in our midst, through Jesus Christ. God not only came into our lives in the flesh, but also, with equal importance, God came into our time, into the present. And therefore every day should be a day in which we greet God with the excitement displayed by Taser, Heidi and Rainier meeting Brandie and Little Bear. And with God being in our time, anticipating new life and new life jumping into new venues, ought to be on the top of the "Things to Do Today" list not unlike it is for the birds just outside our glass door, contemplating leaving their nest.

The first thing I did this morning, after opening my eyes and prior to climbing out of bed, was that I grabbed my Kindle tablet and brought up the CBS news feed. After reading about a sixty million dollar congressional election yesterday and a few other stories that were filled with division, I picked up my phone to look at the Yahoo Weather App for the day which also includes a little graphic displaying the time of sunrise and sunset. Sunrise hit Bigfork at 5:36. It was 5:39. And I had



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RECTOR'S LETTER (cont'd)

been reading about a sixty million dollar election for one member of congress?!!! It was time to repent a wasted three minutes and get up and then meet up with the dogs and morning prayer on the way to the mailbox. This summer, I invite you to do the same.

God is waiting to go for a walk with us and show us new and abundant life.

Faithfully,

Bradley

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PARTY!

The All Saints' garden party, that is!

People who love to garden and help beautify our church at the same time are meeting Thursday mornings at 10 am to give love and care to the areas around the church.

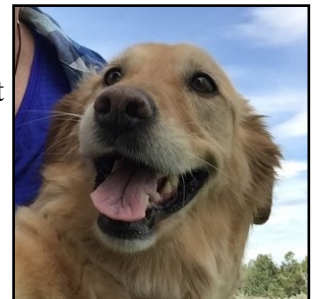
Everyone is welcome to join in on any Thursday and for any amount of time. The work goes until about noon and will occur every Thursday morning until further notice.

**CANYON COMMUNITY DINNERS**

The Canyon Community dinners in Hungry Horse for July will be on the **13th** and **27th**. If you would like to help with this rewarding endeavor, please leave your name with Shawn at the church and she will make sure it gets forwarded to Peggy.

**ALL SAINTS' NEWEST MEMBER**

Welcome All Saints' newest member...Timber. Our Parish Office Administrator, Shawn, recently made a whirlwind trip just south of Salt Lake City to adopt one more golden retriever from the Companion Golden Retriever Rescue in West Jordan, UT. Timber joins another CGRR alum, brother Shasta (who Shawn adopted in December), in the Sloan/Gamblin pack. Timber would like to say a big THANK-YOU to all who had a hand in helping Shawn make the adoption possible. Shasta is super happy to have a friend to wrestle and play with, but other brother, Blaze the Wonder-Dog, is not so thrilled...yet. Now they just need a bigger kayak.



(There is another new member, Pebbles Williams, who hopefully will have her picture published here soon!)

ALL SAINTS' DAY CAMP

By Cynthia Benkelman

We are very excited to have four staff members from Camp Marshall joining us for our two one-week day camps in August! **Week I is July 31 - Aug. 4; Week II is Aug. 7 - Aug. 11.** Thanks to those who are already providing lodging and meals for these fine young adults. Registrations for both weeks are approaching capacity.

For those who are willing to help out, there are several areas where we need assistance. There are several nights available to host the four counselors for dinner. It can be a meal at your home with your family, going out, ordering pizza in, having a picnic; anything is welcome. They work from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, and always find a meal and getting to know one of our parish families at the end of the day very welcome.

We also need drivers to take the kids to a Whitefish Lake beach from the church and back on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons each week. We also need drivers to help with our food drive on Wednesday and Friday mornings (Week I - Columbia Falls; Week II - Whitefish). Vans and vehicles that can transport 6+ passengers are great, and we can also use people driving 5-passenger cars as well. The camp rents two 7-passenger vans, and the staff uses a couple of 7-passenger vehicles, but we always need more drivers and passenger space.

Finally, if you are able to provide healthy snacks and/or water throughout the two weeks, it would be much appreciated. The kids bring their lunches, but the parish provides a (healthy) morning and afternoon snack.

I will have sign-up sheets at both services for all of these things, and you can also email me at cgraine@montanasky.us to sign up to help, and to get more information.

Thanks to everyone for all of your support for our free day camps!



All Saints' Day Camp photos from previous years

JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Services at 9 and 11 am	3	4 Happy July 4th 	5 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs 10 am service at The Springs 5:30 Vestry/Bldg Committee	6 10 am Garden Party Noon service at AS	7	8
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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MONTANA

THE RT. REV. C. FRANKLIN BROOKHART, JR., D. MIN., BISHOP

June 14, 2017

To the Clergy and People of the Diocese of Montana,

With this letter I announce my intention to retire as IXth Bishop of Montana on November 1, 2018. By that time I will be in the sixteenth year of my consecration and will have turned seventy years of age. I believe that it is time for both the diocese and me to move on to the next chapter of our stories.

I also hereby call for the election of a new diocesan bishop for Montana. At the last diocesan convention we put in place a canonically defined process which will guide the process of finding the Xth Bishop.

As stated in both our diocesan canons and the canons of the General Convention the Standing Committee of the diocese will take charge of the election process. They have already had an initial training event in this task and are carefully working now to set things in motion. I will remain as diocesan and ecclesiastical authority until the day of my retirement, but both my staff and I will take no part in any part of the selection of a new bishop.

Serving as Bishop of Montana has been a signal honor and privilege. I have often assured you of my love for and commitment to you, the people and clergy of this diocese, and that will continue in the months ahead. I will pray for you in the exciting and challenging work of electing a new bishop, and I beseech your prayers for me as I continue my duties.

Resurrection blessings,

+ C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr.

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IXth Bishop of Montana

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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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