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2018 CHILI OPEN IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

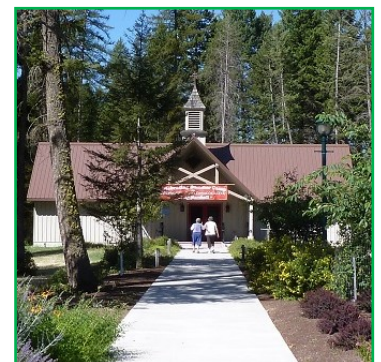
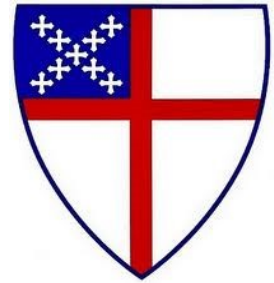
 *11th Annual Chili Open* 

A golf tournament in the snow to benefit vulnerable dogs and cats in Northwest Montana.



WHAT: A golf tournament in the snow, silent auction, and pre-event party
WHY: A fundraiser for local animal welfare organizations
WHEN: Saturday, March 17, 2018 with tee off times of 10:30 or 12:45
lunch served between tee offs (12 noon) with silent auction during lunch
(Kick off party - 7 pm Friday, March 16, 2018)
WHERE: All Saints' Episcopal Church - 2048 Conn Road, Columbia Falls
WHO: Anyone who loves animals and wants to help support them
HOW: register (or for more information) email allsaintsmf@gmail.com
or call 406-291-3613

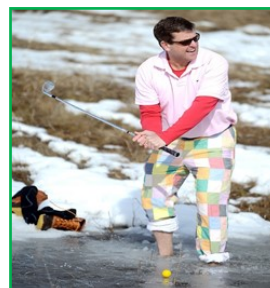
Your \$20 "greens fee" gets you 9 holes of snow golf and a catered lunch.
During lunch a silent auction will be held and the entirety of all money raised
goes to support The Flathead County Animal Shelter, The Spay and Neuter Task Force, The Humane
Society of Northwest Montana, and Spay Montana - serving the Blackfeet Reservation.
Suggested donation of \$20 for the Friday night party.



Link to the 2018 You Tube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ceK8bF_gfs



Photos from
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LENTEN OFFERINGS

This Lent, as has become our custom over the last five years, members of All Saints' Church are invited to celebrate a relationship with two organizations clearly doing the work of God in our Community.

The Abbie Shelter is a long-standing friend of ours and over the years we have been privileged to assist them in not only providing shelter for abused women and their children but also in helping them have a 24 hour telephone crisis line and also counseling. This year, we would like to continue being a part of their efforts by funding the renovation of their counseling office. Because of our long standing support of the Abbie Shelter, they are planning to put a commemorative plaque in the room in thanksgiving for our partnership with them. What an extraordinary thing for those seeking relief from abuse, and seeking direction, and comfort to see that All Saints' provided the space for their pilgrimage to a new life.



New to our family of friends who minister to those experiencing hard times is Farm Hands, a local Flathead Valley community organization. To help meet the needs of 200 children and youth in the Columbia Falls School System who rely on food placed in their back packs on Friday afternoons to get them through the weekend free from hunger, we are pledging to help Farm Hands provide fresh fruit to help fill these students' back packs prior to their going home for the weekend. Normally Farm Hands gives each student an apple and an orange to supplement canned goods and other prepared non-perishable foods that are provided by a grant from the Montana Food Bank Network. However, Farm Hands does not have in their budget enough money to give young people fruit for Spring Break, March 22nd through the 30th, which includes Holy Week. It doesn't seem like much, an apple and an orange for a weekend, to those of us who take such pleasures for granted, but to these students, it is a remarkable gift, an absolute luxury, which also enhances their nutrition well-being. We've been invited to meet that need and also brighten another two weekends of their fruit distribution to these 200 young people, with an extra serving of an apple or orange for their weekend.



If All Saints' engages in the generosity it has shown in the past, helping CAMFED rescue girls by paying school fees in Sub-Saharan Africa; picking up the food bill for the Flathead Youth Home for the entirety of Lent; and providing 50 hours of counseling at the Abbie Shelter; we can present each of these ministries, \$1,000 this year. This is not just about doing something good for others, it is our way to sacramentally change a donation of money into the gifts of God and thus become part of the lives of those in the wider community who wider needs our holy companionship. This discipline is yet another way Lent becomes a joyous season.

A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Here we are, a third of the way through Lent and, as usual, All Saints' is filled with activity that is designed to help us reconcile ourselves to the wider world and to our God. And I must admit, I may have a different take on this than others, but there is something to be said over mixing repentance, a central theme of Lent, with joy. And the **Eleventh Annual Chili Open** is a case in point.

If you play in that tournament, or just come to it, you will find yourself connecting with the wider creation in that dogs and cats, who are suffering or homeless, are the beneficiaries to the money raised. We, along with these creatures, are God's creation. Similarly, golfing on the snow will tend to show our limitations, even if we are skilled at the sport. That reminds us of that great line out of the movie, "Rudy," in which the priest says to the young man aspiring to play football at Notre Dame that he is sure of two things: There is a God and that he, the priest, is not God. And finally, it is fun. We forget that creation inherently has joy connected to it. From the Psalmist, *Yonder is the great*



LETTER FROM THE RECTOR (cont'd))

and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. (104: 26-27) So if we give, forgive one another and ourselves, and have some fun, we are engaged in part of what it means to be reconciled.

Lent Madness. (It is never too late to join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for a light supper and then at 6 for the program.) We have a great time working through the lives and contributions of 32 saints, some famous like Peter and Paul, and some pretty obscure with Genesius and Quiteria coming to mind. (I've never heard of either of those two but then again neither has *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church, Second Edition* so I'm not feeling too bad about that.) This is a way that enables us to become more familiar with and reconciled to our past. As well, we spend time seeing the faith from a different perspective which is always a holy experience in stretching our horizons.

Our Community Lenten Offering to Farm Hands and The Abbie Shelter helps us be reconciled to those who are having a difficult time in life, either through hunger or through being a victim of abuse and violence. When one of us hurts, all of us hurt. The brokenness of society wounds the entirety of the Body of Christ and in giving for relief within our community, we change the way for the community as a whole.

And finally, the **ERD Coupon Books** which not only remind us of simple blessings every day, but also of the means by which we can extend an awareness of those blessings around the world through the extraordinary ministry of **Episcopal Relief and Development**.

So even if you maybe are arriving late to Lent, having not really thought about it too much, there is still time. There is always still time. That is one of the great gifts found in God's grace.

I wish you all a very blessed Lent.

Faithfully yours,

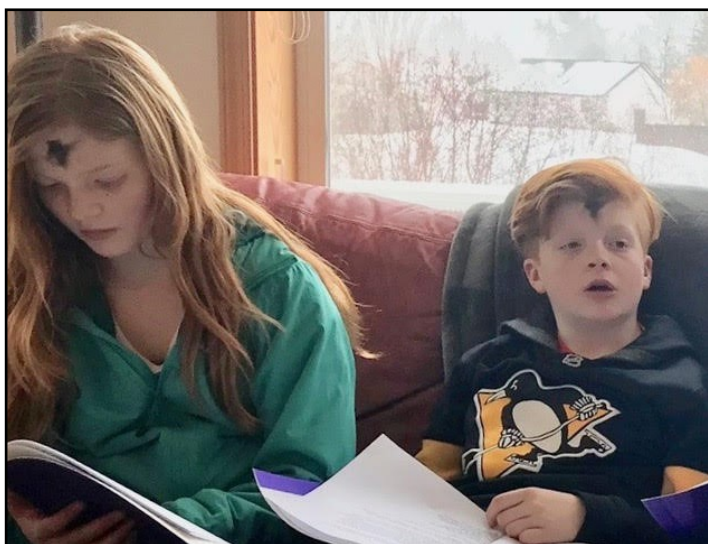
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ALL SAINTS' YOUTH

Cynthia Benkelman, Christian Formation Minister/Children and Youth, had the All Saints' youth to her home after school on Ash Wednesday where Bradley conducted a service and imposed ashes to all. Thus began Lent for them and the anticipation of the celebration of Easter on April 1. (There are additional photos on the next page.)



ALL SAINTS' YOUTH



MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Noon service at AS Followed by book study	2	3
4 Services at 9 and 11 am	5	6	7 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs 10 am service at The Springs Lent Madness 5:30 pm	8 Noon service at AS Followed by book study	9	10
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time (not “savings” as a lot of people think) begins this year at **2 am on March 11th**. Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** an hour before going to bed on the 10th. I thought you might enjoy a couple of facts on this event that robs of us all of an hour's sleep on the 11th.

*The only two states that do NOT set their clocks ahead (and then back in November) are Arizona and Hawaii. However, the Navajo Nation in Arizona does observe DST.

*Benjamin Franklin, in a sartorial essay written in 1784, suggested a form of Daylight Saving Time.

*The candy industry lobbied to have DST end the first weekend in November so that trick-or-treaters could rake in more candy. (I'm sure that's not the way they worded it, but probably what they meant).

*2 am was selected as the “spring forward and fall back” time because most people would be in bed at that time and wouldn't notice it and most of the bars and restaurants would be closed.

A question for you: have you ever stayed up to see the clock spring forward or fall back? I've been tempted but never have. Maybe this year....probably not.



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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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