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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SOON TO BE RECTOR

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil” (Luke. 4:1-2).

As I write this, Ash Wednesday is almost upon us, with Lent in the wings. And I think that this time of year, more than any other, I fall into the spiritual trap of identifying myself with Jesus. I think I come by this WWJD (“What Would Jesus Do?”) theology honestly. It’s widely-preached, and we love to use it to justify and spiritualize all manner of behaviors. We get to be angry because Jesus overturned the moneychanger’s tables in the temple. At Lent, we “give up” something in order to identify with Jesus’ self-denial and sacrifice in the desert.

While this theology has good intentions, it misses the point. Jesus wasn’t going on a retreat, he was squaring off against Satan himself. And there’s very little that relatable about that for us. I’d like to think that if I had been in the desert for many moons and the devil offered the world as my kingdom, I’d say, “Yes! I’d love to be King Arthur! Where’s my Crown?!” But Jesus has to face temptation and deny the devil because we’re incapable of such sinlessness.

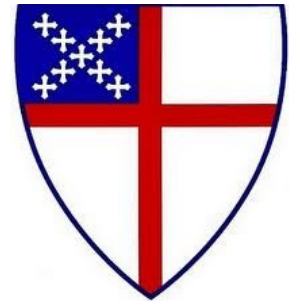
Therefore, the season of Lent is when the veil falls between who we think we could be with enough effort and who Jesus must be for us. Religious folks like us talk about our Lenten “journey” or “pilgrimage”, and there are 40 days of Lent because Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. And so, the thinking goes, we must be on our own sort of ascetic journey, filled with self-denial and personal betterment. We have soup suppers. We give up chocolate, Chardonnay, Facebook, or any number of pleasurable consumables.

But hear me out. I’m not saying that we shouldn’t give up these things. I’m just suggesting that we’re free to go ahead and quit tomorrow in lieu of telling ourselves that a moratorium on alcohol or social media is Lent-worthy. Because it isn’t. What Jesus did in the desert and what we attempt at Lent are almost unrelated.

I would argue that Lent isn’t about us giving something up, or even “taking something on”. In fact, it isn’t about our actions at all. Lent is when we watch Jesus from the other side of the desert. We’re watching him deny himself, we’re bearing witness to his teaching, we’re failing to stay awake, knowing that the cross is close at hand.

Lent isn’t sad because it lacks saturated fat spiked with mood-lifting theobromine (chocolates again!). Lent is sad because we are forced to watch the shift from our Savior’s ministry to his cross. Lent reminds us of our sin and our powerlessness over it.

With all of next month’s transition and excitement, I anticipate a particularly



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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR (CON'TD)

long and harried Lent for myself. But luckily, Easter inevitable comes, and always without my help. And as I cue my Lenten theme song, I look forward to seeing you on the other side!

“Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.”

Luther, A mighty fortress is our God (#687)

Yours in Christ,

Charlie+

A LETTER FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN-LIVING THE RESURRECTION

As we enter this season of Lent, we do so with expectation. Lent may mean different things to each of us, and we may practice its disciplines in different ways, but for all of us it ends the same way—with Easter and the resurrection. But resurrection is not just something that Jesus did after his death on the cross and it’s not just something we anticipate after we die. Since the life of faith is nothing if it’s not embodied, it must be lived—lived in the flesh, right here, right now. While Jesus’ body has, for now, been returned to heaven, the body of Christ remains incarnated through the church. That’s us.

To quote my late father, “Resurrection does not have to do exclusively with what happens after we are buried or cremated. It does have to do with that, but first of all, it has to do with the way we live right now.” Matthew tells us that on the Sunday morning after the crucifixion, after visiting Jesus’ tomb, “The women, deep in wonder and full of joy, lost no time in leaving the tomb. They ran to tell the disciples. Then Jesus met them, stopping them in their tracks. ‘Good morning!’ he said. They fell to their knees, embraced his feet, and worshiped him.”

After my father’s funeral, hundreds of us gathered for a reception on Flathead Lake. We told stories. We broke bread together. A good friend of my father’s, who I had never met, brought me a very expensive bottle of scotch and we poured it into bible camp coffee mugs and toasted my father. Together, we straddled the emotional threshold between crushing grief and grateful wonder. But we did it in the company of one another. Which is to say that in the immediate wake of death, we joined my father in living the resurrection. This Lenten season I invite you to join me in remembering that resurrection is not something that we remember or anticipate; it’s something that is happening and that we can embrace on a daily basis. That’s living the resurrection.

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LENT MADNESS

Lent Madness began in 2010 by Rev. Tim Schenck. He began a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the saints who have come before us and inspired us. Thirty-two saints are placed in tournament-style, single-elimination brackets. Over 5 weeks we select the saints who should go forward in the brackets until a winner of the Golden Halo is selected.

This year Lent Madness will be **Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1**. We will begin at 5:30 for soup suppers and at 6:00, the fun will begin.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

To the left are 'King Cakes' served during the Mardi Gras season. Above, ingredients for the best Shrove Tuesday pancakes ever!

ASH WEDNESDAY WITH ALL SAINTS' YOUTH



EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

During this Lenten season, as in year's past, All Saints' is supporting Episcopal Relief & Development by using coupons which help to remind us daily to count our blessings.

ERD's current campaign, **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** is a \$3 million grassroots Church-wide fundraising campaign dedicated to expanding Episcopal Relief & Development's programs that improve the lives of children up to age six.

ERD works with communities to ensure that children have access to food, clean water, and quality health care. Our work also empowers parents and protects families.

Research shows that the first 1,000 days for children are critical in setting a foundation that affects their ability to grow, learn, and thrive over their lives. Globally 155 million children under six are not reaching their full potential due to inadequate nutrition and health care.

Coupon calendars, Hope Chests, as well as Lenten Meditation Booklets are available in the Church and in the Parish Hall. We encourage everyone to pick up one of each and join us in collecting money for your Hope Chest throughout the season of Lent. The meditation booklets are also available as online emails and podcast at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent/>

Our ERD In-gathering Sunday, when we ask everyone to bring your filled Hope Chests to church, will be Sunday, April 19, and all of the money collected will go to Episcopal Relief & Development's **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** campaign.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are working together with Episcopal Relief & Development for lasting change.



LENTEN OFFERINGS

All Saints' Community Lenten Outreach Discipline - Lent 2020

This Lent, as has become our custom over the last seven years, members of All Saints' Church are invited to celebrate a relationship with 2 organizations clearly doing the work of God in our Community.

One of the many friendships All Saints' has developed over the years is with the Abbie Shelter in Kalispell which provides emergency safe housing for battered and abused women and their children. They also provide a crisis line that one can call anytime day or night. Last year our efforts helped provide small refrigerators for



THE ABBIE SHELTER
AND VIOLENCE FREE CRISIS LINE

residents' rooms. This year we continue our support for them by helping to fund their 24-hour Helpline. This critical service provides support to 1,000 people every year, and is the gateway to all of their other services. Thanks to their fabulous volunteers, they are able to sustain this essential service for only \$25 a day. Our challenge this year will be to fund the Helpline for the 40 days in Lent.

We will also begin a partnership with an organization new to our family of friends who minister to those experiencing hard times, Flathead Warming Center. From their website... "We provide seasonal, low barrier access to night shelter services regardless of an individual or family's personal barriers to housing security." This organization is in their first year of operation. They currently operate out of the basement of Christ Church in Kalispell, but their goal is to have a home of their own. There are many ways we can support them, with direct contributions of needed supplies via the "Get Involved" menu on their website flatheadwarmingcenter.org or through financial gifts. We are excited to begin this relationship with another seriously needed homeless shelter for our lost, least and lonely population.



**FLATHEAD
WARMING
CENTER**

If All Saints' engages in the generosity it has shown in the past, 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 that needs our holy companionship. This discipline of ours is yet another way Lent becomes a joyous season.

2020 CHILI OPEN

If you have not yet heard, the 13th Annual Chili Open will be here before you know it. The Chili Open is All Saints' annual golf tournament in the snow, silent auction, and pre-event party to raise funds for the following animal agencies: Humane Society of NW Montana, Flathead Spay & Neuter Task Force, Flathead County Animal Shelter, & Spay Montana (a mobile spay/neuter clinic).

This year we are splitting the fun into a two weekend event. The pre-event party, featuring appetizers, wine, and soft drinks, will be held on Friday, March 13 from 6-9 pm at Silverbrook Estates Clubhouse, located at 115 West Monture Ridge in Kalispell (almost directly across Hwy 93 from the Humane Society). There is a \$20 suggested donation for the party, with the entirety of what is donated that evening going directly to the cats and dogs. Auction items will be on display at the party with the opportunity to make "sealed bids" that evening in case you are unable to attend the actual silent auction which will take place during lunch on the day of the Chili Open.

The golfing event will take place the following weekend on Saturday, March 21. There is room for 72 golfers (9 teams of 4 in the morning and the same in the afternoon) with tee off times of either 10:30 or 12:45. Golfing is \$20 per person and includes 9 rounds of "snow golf" and lunch. The silent auction will take place during lunch which will be served at 12 noon. This year we are pleased to once again serve Chili from Famous Dave's in Kalispell and Apple Crisp from Loula's in Whitefish. There will be vegetarian chili available for lunch as well.

Prior to the morning tee off time of 10:30 coffee and treats will be available. Afternoon golfers make sure to get there early to participate in the silent auction and enjoy lunch before you tee off at 12:45. There will also be coffee and treats available to the afternoon golfers when they return their scorecards after golfing.

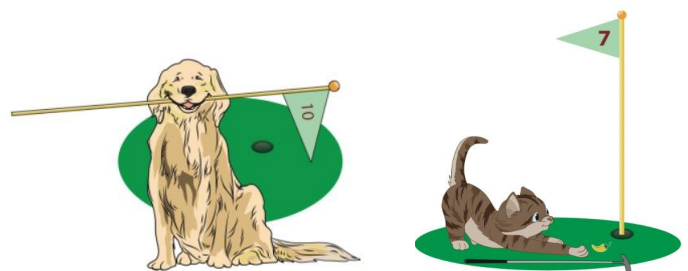
No golf experience is necessary and no experience equates to even more fun! All you really need is a desire to help raise funds for some great animal agencies, you're guaranteed to have a great time doing so. Golf clubs and golf balls will be provided. So get your foursomes together. If you are a team of one, two, or three we can get you together with other golfers to make a foursome.

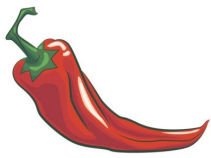
If you are interested in coming to the pre-event party please let us know via phone (406-862-2863) or email allsaintsmt@gmail.com by Wednesday, March 11 so we can ensure that we have enough food/drinks. To sign up for the Chili Open or for any questions you may have please call or email. If you have any items to donate for the silent auction please let us know that as well. We would like to have all the auction items by Monday, March 9th. Please deliver them to the church or call and we can arrange for pickup. Also if you are unable to attend either the pre-event party or the Chili Open we will gladly accept all donations to the cause. Remember, every last penny of what is donated (and every first penny as well) goes directly to the dogs and cats. We do not take one dime for production costs, all food and auction items are generously donated.

Below is the link for this year's Chili Open trailer. Enjoy!! Hope to see you on the links!!!

<https://youtu.be/BXl zg1 onEaw>

You'll find the "official" flyer on the next page.





All Saints' 13th Annual Chili Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 21st, 2020.



For the thirteenth year in a row, the most celebrated winter golf tournament in Montana will take place on the church grounds Saturday, March 21st 2020. Join us for this wonderful snow golf tournament that raises much needed funds for The Flathead County Animal Shelter, The Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force, The Humane Society of Northwest Montana, and Spay Montana, serving the Blackfeet Reservation.

"Green Fees" which include golf and lunch are \$20 per person with the entirety of what is raised being donated to help the most vulnerable of God's creation, dogs and cats who are homeless and abused. A Friday night pre-tournament fund-raising party has a suggested donation of \$20. Again this year, holes in one can be purchased for \$50 each. (In the event of severely inclement weather, golfers will be notified that the event will be postponed to the following week.)

The Chili Open is a "shotgun started Texas Scramble" style tournament with a capacity of 72 golfers, 36 in the morning round and 36 in the afternoon round.

The first tee off time of the day is 10:30 a.m. and prior to that, rolls, pastries, and coffee will be available. At 12 noon a catered lunch will be served to all participants during which a silent auction will be held. Afternoon tee off time is 12:45.

On the week prior to the golf tournament, Friday, March 13th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., an evening wine/soft drink/appetizer fund-raising party will be held at the Silverbrook Estates Clubhouse located at 115 West Monture Ridge in Kalispell. This fund-raising event has a suggested donation amount of \$20 with the entirety of that going to the dogs and cats.

Lunch is again being generously donated by Famous Dave's Restaurant in Kalispell and Loula's Restaurant in Whitefish.

Reservations for this extraordinarily fun event can be made by emailing allsaintsmt@gmail.com, or by calling (406) 862-2863 or (406) 291-3613. For ongoing information and event updates, visit www.allsaintsmt.org or www.facebook.com/allsaintsmt/

All Saints' is dedicated to striving for the day when no homeless pet goes unloved or lacks compassionate care. This is the reason they energetically support these wonderful animal welfare agencies. The church is committed to providing pastoral care to those pets including celebrating the annual blessing of the animals on a Saturday close to St. Francis Day (Oct 4th) and making available a Rite offered by the Episcopal Church, for the burial of beloved pets and companion animals.



**All Saints' Episcopal Church is located at
2048 Conn Road just south of Highway 40 midway
between Whitefish and Columbia Falls.**



CALLING ALL QUILTERS

By Kathy Thomas

All Saints' quilters will work on Grace Camp Quilts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 5th, 6th and 7th.

Grace Camp is a free summer session at Camp Marshall for children with a parent in prison. There is no cost to attend Grace Camp, but your child must be registered in advance.

During the week at Grace Camp time is spent swimming, worshipping together, stand up paddle boarding, fishing, painting, singing, stargazing, making s'mores, hiking, laughing and enjoying the beautiful Flathead Lake.

Each camper is sent home with a home made quilt.

If you are interested in helping to make quilts for Grace Camp, please contact Kathy Thomas. Her number is 406-892-4619.



LABOR OF LOVE-ALL SAINTS' YOUTH

Middle school and high school youth are invited to go on a day trip to Camp Marshall to help with annual clean up and to participate in youth activities with youth groups from Kalispell and Missoula. We will meet in the parking lot of All Saints' on Saturday, April 4, at 9:30 am and carpool to Camp Marshall, where we will participate in work, fun and food (lunch will be provided). We will leave Camp Marshall at 3:30 pm to return to All Saints' between 4:30 and 5:00 pm. Parents with younger children are encouraged to attend with their kids and participate as well. For more information, contact Cynthia at 406-261-9636 or at cgraine@montanasky.us.



A TAIL WAGGING THANK YOU

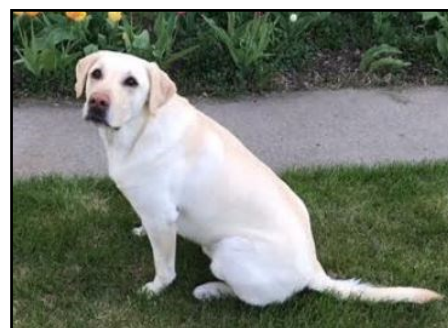
Dear All Saints' Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for me! My elbow surgery went well and I am recovering nicely. My vet is pleased with my progress. I am on restricted duty-no leaping, jumping, or other explosive activity! This is easier said than done since I am a five-year-old yellow Labrador and am super enthusiastic!

Wags and Smooches,

Lambeau Hagen

(Lambeau is a family member in the household of Barb Hagen, the Canon for Finance & Administration for the Diocese of Montana)



ANNUAL MEETING REPORT (A LITTLE LATE)**Calling of the Next Rector:**

For those of you who didn't make it to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, or those of you who don't have email, or those who may have missed the article in February's e-letter summarizing the Annual Meeting (don't worry you weren't the only one who missed something last month, the summary article also seemed to have missed something, namely the February e-letter deadline) the one big piece of news that everyone had been waiting for, was who was called to be our next Rector. After meetings, and days of discernment, and conversations with each other, and prayer, and listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Vestry met on January 21 and spent additional time in discussion and discernment and prayer and in a phone conversation with Bishop Marty, and finally felt called to offer the Rector position to the Rev'd Charlie Knuth. And as you all hopefully know, he accepted the call. Charlie's first official day will be on April 1 (and we're not foolin'). Charlie was actually already here for a few days in February to find a place to live. So when he finally arrives in late March he won't have to sleep in a pew in the back of the church or on the floor in Christian Ed. We are very excited for this new chapter in the life of All Saints' to begin.

Vestry Election:

The Vestry elected 3 new members at the annual meeting. Our bylaws state that we may have between 4 and 12 elected members and there were two positions up for election. Shawn Sloan had served two back to back 3-year terms and was not eligible to run again. The Vestry is required to present a slate of candidates at the annual meeting, but the bylaws also allow for nominations from the floor. The Vestry presented Carl Thomas and Hank Stamm as its slate of Vestry candidates. Jan Rayford was nominated from the floor. A motion was made to change the number of members to be elected from two to three and all three were elected by acclamation to serve 3-year terms. So, welcome to a brand new Vestry member Hank Stamm, and a continuing Vestry member, Carl Thomas. Unfortunately, not long after being elected to the Vestry, Jan had to resign due to personal reasons. She hopes to be able to return at a later date.

Diocesan Convention Delegates:

This year's Diocesan Convention will take place in Helena on October 9-11. The number of delegates a parish can send to convention is based on the number of adult communicants. All Saints' is allowed four delegates to convention. The four delegates elected to convention this year are Cynthia Benkelman, Barry Boyce, Shawn Sloan and Beth Stamm. Our alternates are Kathleen Martin and Michael Moffitt. Thanks to everyone for stepping up and offering to represent All Saints' at this year's convention.

Treasurer's Report:

Carl Thomas talked about the 2019 Operational Fund End of Year Report which was part of the Annual Reports Special E-Letter that was emailed or mailed to everyone, as well as available at the church. Carl also presented the proposed 2020 Budget. With the busy January that the Vestry had with the two candidates' visits, they were not able to meet in January prior to the Annual Meeting like they normally would, so the budget that was presented had not been approved by the Vestry. The Vestry did meet in February and had some changes and refinements to the budget. Look for an email or special mailing with the updated budget.

Parish Administrator Report:

Shawn Sloan talked about the Parochial Report and membership, and showed some screen shots from a new online tool launched by the General Convention Office. This online tool uses data collected from the Parochial Report to map demographics (see article elsewhere in this e-letter). Shawn talked about the importance of updating our register to have as accurate as possible our "members of record". She talked about the four ways one can become a member of All Saints':

1) **Baptism**-Anyone baptized at All Saints' is a member of All Saints'.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT (cont'd)

2-Confirmation or Reception-Anyone confirmed or received by the Bishop of Montana and whose baptism is duly recorded in the books of All Saints' is a member of All Saints'.

3-Letter of Transfer-Anyone who is an Episcopalian must get a letter of transfer from their previous church and then their baptism date must be recorded in the books of All Saints'. They are then a member of All Saints'.

4-On Request-Anyone coming from another faith tradition may ask to become a member of All Saints'. Their baptism date must be recorded in the books of All Saints'. Once that is done, they are a member of All Saints'.

Shawn had a form available for those who wished to become "members of record" that they could fill out. If they were coming from another faith tradition they'd need to provide their baptism information. If they are Episcopalians they'd also need to provide their baptism information as well as following up with a letter of transfer from their previous church. Shawn can also assist in getting the letter of transfer. The Episcopal Church does not allow for membership in more than one congregation and Shawn's presentation on the Parochial Report online data tool helped to clarify one of the reasons why.

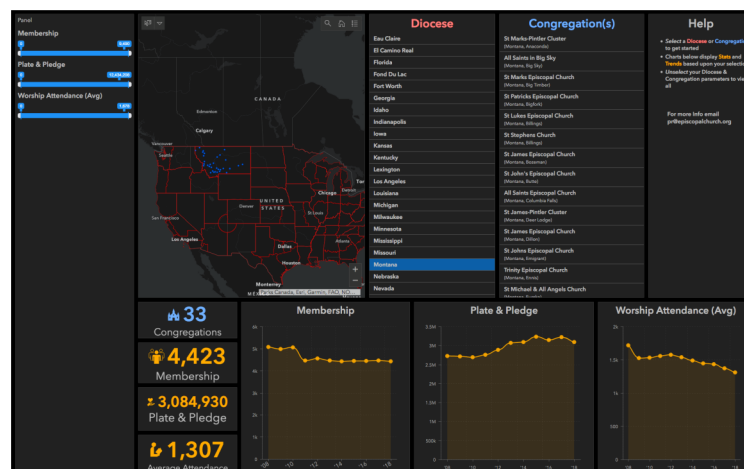
Senior Warden Election:

The Senior Warden is often called the Rector's Warden and as the name implies, the Senior Warden is usually appointed by the Rector. In the absence of a Rector, the Senior Warden is elected at the Annual Meeting. After the resignation of our previous Senior Warden, Ben Pomerantz, (upon the retirement of our former Rector, Bradley Wirth), the Vestry appointed Leif Peterson in July 2019 to serve as Senior Warden until the 2020 Annual Meeting. Leif offered to continue as Senior Warden until our new Rector is in place and is ready to appoint his own Senior Warden. A motion was made to nominate Leif as Senior Warden and he was elected by acclamation.

ONLINE PAROCHIAL INFORMATION

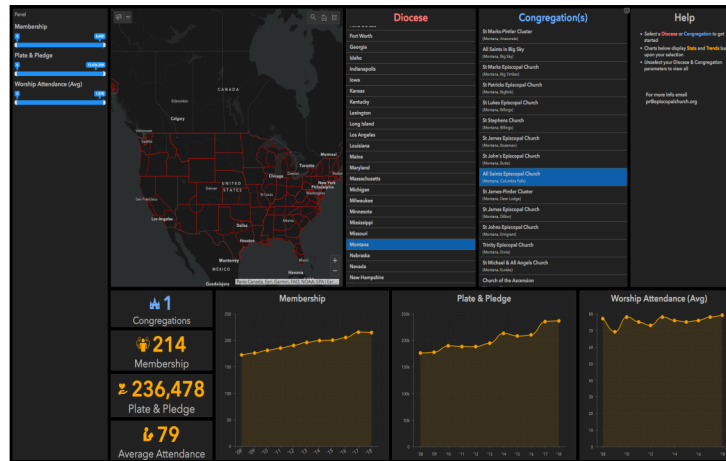
In January 2020, the General Convention Office launched an online tool: Mapping Demographics and Parochial Report Data. It is a tool which uses information gathered from the annual Parochial Report which allows congregational and diocesan leaders to understand and use this data in new ways.

From the home page you can choose the main application called "Know Your Neighborhood" or you can go straight to the Parochial Report information. Choose a diocese to get to their stats. This screen shot shows us that there are 33 congregations in the Diocese of Montana comprising 4,423 members. There was a total of \$3,084,930 in pledges and plate and the Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) was 1,307 in 2018.

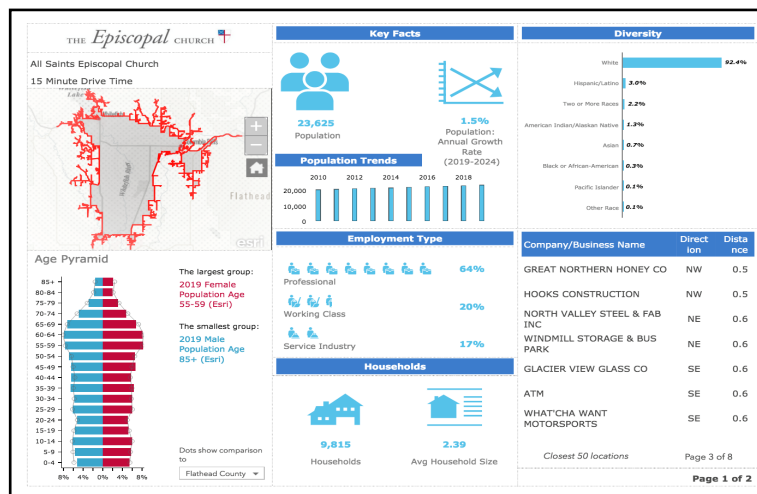


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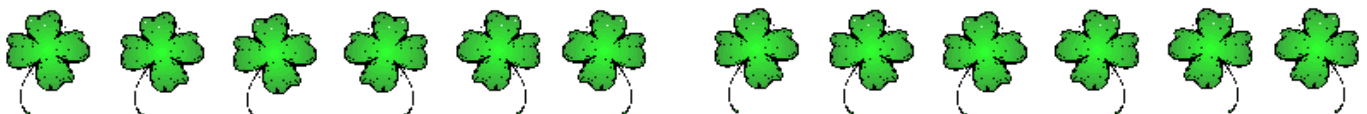
You can then choose an individual congregation to get their stats. There are tabs which allow you to view data on membership, pledge and plate, and ASA. Handy little line graphs let you easily see the trend over the past 10 years.



Another part of the website lets you get to know your neighborhood. You can view information about things within a 15 minute drive time from All Saints'. For example, population, number of households and local businesses.



This information can be extremely helpful, for example, when writing a Parish Profile as we had to do for part of the process to call our new Rector. It's also a great tool for potential candidates for Rector or Bishop or anyone planning to make a move to another parish or diocese. They will be able to see how healthy the place is. So, as you can see, here's one reason to try to get our membership numbers as accurate as possible!



KEEPING UP WITH ALL SAINTS'

Wait...what?? I didn't know that....

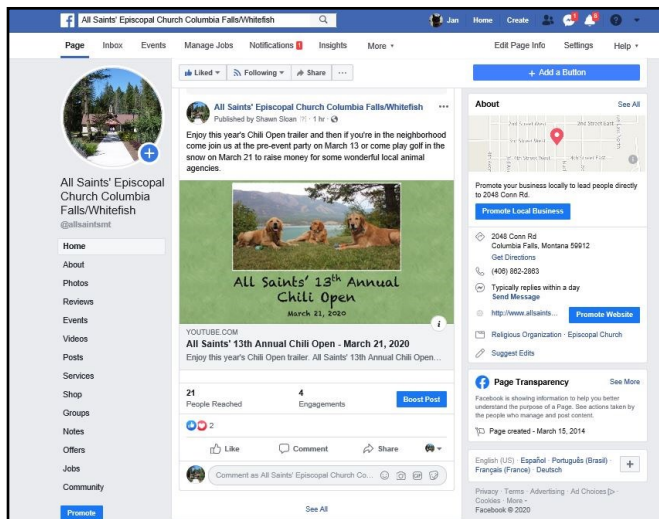
Miss the Pancake Supper this year? Didn't realize we walk the Stations of the Cross every year on Good Friday? People have asked what the best way is to keep apprised of what's happening at All Saints'. Well if you are unable to make it to church every Sunday and enjoy the myriad of colorful inserts that Shawn so desperately tries to fill up the weekly bulletin with (especially when Fr. Bill is supplying..because he loves them so much), how on earth does one know what is going on?

If you are a Facebook user, please "like" our Facebook page (All Saints' Episcopal Church Columbia Falls/Whitefish). In addition to posting the weekly sermons, we also post all of our upcoming events on this page.

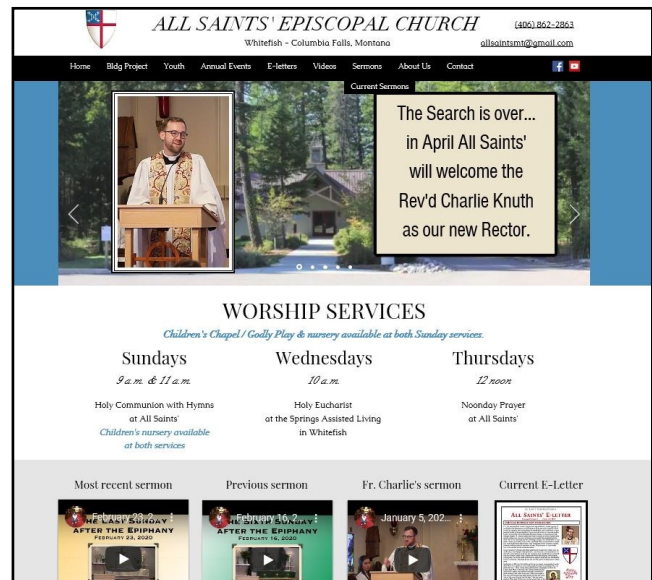
Not a Facebook user? No problem. Just check out the homepage on our website to see what's coming up!
www.allsaintsmt.org.

Our E-letter also reflects on past activities and announces upcoming ones. If you don't receive our E-letter (which means you probably aren't reading this article) let Shawn or Jan know and they will add you to the email list so you can receive the E-letter via email each month. Don't do email? Let Shawn know and she will send you the E-letter via snail mail.

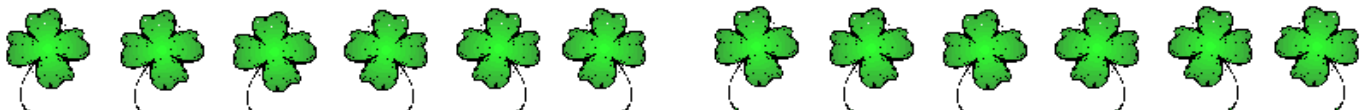
Finally, be on the lookout for additional ways we plan to start communicating with everyone coming this spring/summer.



Our Facebook Home page



Our Website Home page



MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 10 am service at The Springs Lent Madness	5 Noon service at AS Quilting Re- treat	6 Quilting Retreat	7 Quilting Retreat
8 Services at 9 and 11 am DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS.	9	10	11 10 am service at The Springs Lent Madness 5:30 pm	12 Noon service at AS	13 Chili Open Pre- Party 6:00-9:00 pm	14
15 Services at 9 and 11 am Vestry Meeting 12:30	16	17 	18 10 am service at The Springs Lent Madness 5:30 pm	19 Noon service at AS	20	21 CHILI OPEN 10:00 am
22 Services at 9 and 11 am	23	24	25 10 am service at The Springs Lent Madness 5:30 pm	26 Noon service at AS	27	28
29 Services at 9 and 11 am	30	31				

SAINTS AND SAGES - The Desert Fathers and Mothers

For the first 300 years, Christians worshiped in believer's homes or at places where they would not be seen. That all changed in 313 AD, when the Roman Emperor Constantine made Christianity the state religion with the Edict of Milan. Suddenly, being Christian raised a person's social status. The original Christians found themselves bewildered and confused. While they were free to pursue their faith without persecution, they also had to share Christianity with people who made no sense to them; people who were Christians in name and social status rather than by belief.

Some Christians left the cities and went to the desert of present-day Egypt, Syria and Palestine. Then, as now, even longed-for change, can be confusing.

Eventually, from confusion came wisdom and tradition. The Desert Abbas and Ammas (Fathers and Mothers) began their lives alone (monos=monks), in caves, huts, or trees but soon large communities of people hungry for their teaching sprang up around them. No one knows for certain how many people lived in the desert but the historian Palladius tells us there were 2,975 women in addition to men and children. His *Historia Lausiaca* is the seminal work recording their apothegms (teachings). Today, about 3,000 apothegms survive.

Abba Nilus said, "Do not be always wanting everything to turn out as you think it should, but rather as God pleases, then you will be undisturbed and thankful in your prayers."

Amma Sarah said, "If I prayed to God that all men should approve of my conduct, I would find myself repenting at the door of each one. Rather I pray that my heart may be pure towards all."

Abba Anthony saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and said groaning, "What can get through from such snares?" Then he heard a voice saying to him, "Humility."

For more information see <https://christdesert.org>, Thomas Merton (1970) *The Wisdom of the Desert*, and Palladius of Galatia (419-420) *Historia Lausiaca* (Eng Tr.) http://www.tertullian.org/fathers/palladius_Lausiac_02_textt.htm.

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH ORGANIZATION

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