

ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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CHURCH EXPANSION DEDICATION

The Vestry of All Saints' Episcopal Church requests your prayers and presence on

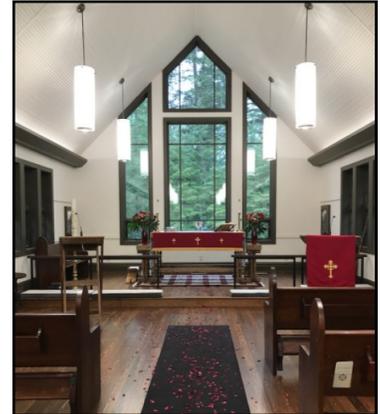
**Friday, June 11, 2021
at 6:30 pm**

as the Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins joins us to dedicate the new church expansion. Within the service there will also be the dedication of the new legillum and the setting apart and sanctifying of the new altar. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the addition and acknowledge all those who made it possible.

"that they all may be one"
John 17:21

A reception with light refreshments will follow the service.

2048 Conn Rd. ~ Columbia Falls, Montana



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HOLY WATER

In case you have not noticed, there is now Holy Water in 2 stoups on the south side of the door frame as you depart the church.

From the Episcopal Church's Dictionary of the Church....

Holy Water

Water that has been blessed for religious and devotional use. It may symbolize purification, blessing, dedication, and renewal of the baptismal covenant. Some parishes use a stoup, basin, or font to make holy water available to those who enter the church. Those who wish to participate in the pious custom of "taking holy water" may touch it with the fingers, placing a drop of it on the forehead while making the sign of the cross on the forehead, chest, and shoulders. The early origin of this custom is evidenced by the presence of stoups for holy water in ancient basilicas. Holy water has been known as "lustral water," reflecting its symbolic role in purification.



THEY'RE BACK! THE RETURN OF THE NAME TAGS

We have brought back our nametags and they are now stored on a portable magnetic whiteboard. The plan is to roll the board outside so as not to cause a scrum in the narthex and people can find and then replace their nametags on the magnetic board. Nametags which have pins rather than magnets are stored on the tray below the board. After more than a year of not being able to all gather together it will be a great act of hospitality to wear our nametags. We have many new parishioners and "old" ones who we have only seen from the nose up, so this will help us all to be more welcoming as we start to gather again in larger numbers.



If you do not have a nametag, have lost yours, have changed your name etc, there is a sheet of paper on the board where you can sign up for a nametag. You can also always let Shawn know. Besides your name, please indicate if you would like a magnetic fastener or a pin. Please be aware that if you have a pacemaker you should not get a magnetic fastener.

And FYI, nametags are organized alphabetically by FIRST name as they were on the table which used to hold them.

ACOLYTE PARTY FOR ACOLYTES PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

Cynthia and Fr. Charlie are hosting a party for all kids who are of acolyte age. We are inviting all acolytes, and anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our acolyte program, to join us. (Children and Youth get involved with services even before they are old enough to start acolyting. They often bring up the elements and carry the collection plate. They like to help out their big sisters or friends with carrying the cross during the recession before they are old enough to become an acolyte themselves).

The party will be on June 13 at 12:15 right after the 11:00 service. We'll have pizza and games, and go over acolyte procedures. All kids going into 2nd grade through high school are welcome to attend! Younger siblings and other children who want to join in the fun are welcome to join us with their parent! For more information, contact Cynthia at cynthia@allsaintsmt.org

For a look at our acolytes past, present and future see next page!

ALL SAINTS' ACOLYTES—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



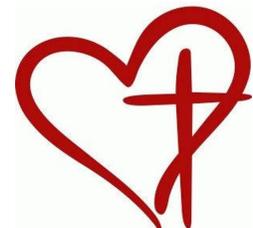
OUR NEWEST ACOLYTES

All Saints' newest acolytes, Vivian, Evelyn and Marcus, were installed in November 2020 when Bishop Marty visited. Unfortunately, they were not able to start serving at the altar right away due to Covid-19 restrictions and church construction. With things getting back to normal, it will be great to have them serving at the altar.



THE READERS RETURN

May was very exciting with the return of not only acolytes, but also readers to our worship services. (Much to the relief of Grace) If you are interested in being a reader at either the 9 or 11 o'clock service please let Shawn know.



MOTHER'S DAY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Mother's Day Outreach of diapers and feminine hygiene products that were delivered to local food banks and Samaritan House. Your generosity of spirit is always greatly appreciated.



DAY CAMP

We're excited to announce that we will be holding two weeks of free Camp Marshall Day Camps: August 4-8 and August 12-16 2021. These camps are held at our All Saints' campus, and staffed by Camp Marshall Episcopal Church Camp staff. We are starting out by allowing families with kids who will be in 2-6 grade register their child for one of the two weeks. The link to register is below: There is still some work to be done on the Diocese of Montana Day Camp page, but parents can register using this link.

Instructions:

Go to this link: <https://campmarshalldaycamps.campbrainregistration.com>

If you have registered before and have a password, you may use that again. If you have forgotten your password, you may reset it using your email. For first time users, please create an account.

After you log in, you will select the All Saints' Columbia Falls/Whitefish day camp. It will say: All Saint's Day Camp (August 2 - 13, 2021)

Once you have selected that, you can pick the option of the week you want.

You then continue through the registration, and you will also fill out medical and release forms.

Although the option of "wait list" shows, you cannot register for the wait list for the other week of camp should you want to have your child go to both camps if space allows. If you want to be on the wait list for the other week, email your child's name, and the week you would like to be on the wait list, to Cynthia Benkelman cynthia@allsaintsmt.org Cynthia can answer questions you might have about camp as well.

We will have more information coming up about day camps. We plan to run camp as usual, from 8-4:30, and will have lots of games, crafts, Christian formation programs, singing, community service, and most of all a lot of fun! If you have older children who would like to attend camp as helps, email Cynthia as well.

GREAT GRADS

On May 15 we honored those who graduated this year: Douglas Mercer from St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire; Thomas Carlross from UC Santa Barbara; Emma Claire Spring from Washington State University; and Jessica Hensley with a Master's of Education from Western Governor's University. Unfortunately, none of our grads were in attendance, but we do have graduation gifts which we will be sure they receive.

GROWING GRASS....NO, NOT THAT KIND

With the construction on the church completed, the ground behind the church regraded, and warm weather here, it was time to do a little landscaping. To start, Carl and Charlie put down some grass seed to fill in where the grass used to be. We have always put up the big tents back there for day camp and so returning grass to that area will make it nice for day camp. There are future plans for some ornamental trees and shrubs to provide some color for us to admire through those big beautiful windows, but for now we'll get the dirt filled in with grass.



NURSERY

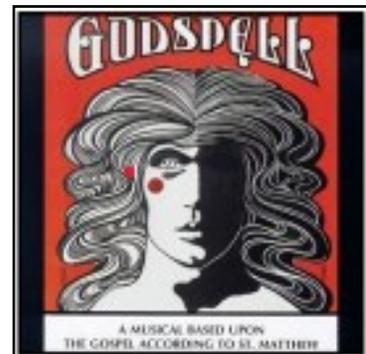
The Nursery is back for children under five! Our nursery attendant, Erin Wilson, will be available for nursery care at the 9:00 service. We are delighted to have Erin back! Children’s Chapel will return in the fall as the school year begins.



GODSPELL

We had a great time with our youth group members, their families, and other All Saints’ parishioners attending Godspell! Alpine Theatre Project put on this musical as a unique outdoor “theatre in the round!” We have always had a great showing of parishioners at musicals that our church youth are involved in, and we had a good showing this year as well, in addition to the youth who were able to attend. Thanks to all who came! This musical by Stephen Schwartz is about Jesus and his group of disciples, and includes many of the parables found in the book of Matthew. It was fun to see which parables we are already familiar with from Godly Play, and to discover a fresh way to experience the words from the bible through dancing, singing, and lively acting! In our fall program year, we’ll explore some of the parables that we saw which were less familiar.

The youth group and others in the audience were treated to pizza at intermission from Fr. Charlie and Mikayla, as well as several very welcome propane heaters. What a treat! Sunday was a particularly chilly day, but we avoided the rain, and were grateful to be able to share some warmth as well. We’re looking forward to more youth group outings throughout the year!

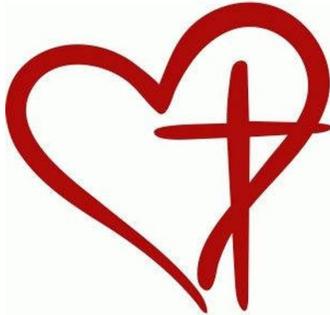


JUNE 2021

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| 6 Service Hours: See page 10 | 7 | 8 | 9 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon Service at The Springs 2:00 pm | 10 Book Group 6:00-7:00 pm | 11 Church Expansion Dedication w/ Bishop Stebbins 6:30 pm | 12 |
| 13 Service Hours: See page 10 Acolyte Party 12:15 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon Service at The Springs 2:00 pm | 17 Book Group 6:00-7:00 pm | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Father's Day Service Hours: See page 10 | 21 Vestry Live or Zoom 5:00 pm | 22 | 23 Service at The Springs 2:00 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

7:30 am - service only, no music



9:00 am - service with hymns

9:00 am service is also streamed live on Facebook & You Tube Live



10:00 to 11 am -Drive through communion

11:00 am - service with hymns

7:00 pm - Contemplative service, no music

HOME COMMUNION AND VISITATIONS

If you have had to take some time away from church, but would like to receive the sacraments, 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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