

ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Saints,

There's something undeniably awkward about this stage of the pandemic, where the students are going back to school and we're finding ways to reopen and engage. Lots of condemnation is floating around! A few weeks back, I read a blurb by Tess Wilkinson-Ryan of the *Atlantic* saying that "With more freedom of movement, Americans also have more opportunities to make judgments of others—who always seem to be doing it wrong. How can people be sitting in groups, chatting, at an outdoor bar? Who would take their kid to swim in a public pool? Are you inviting those people inside your house? Can you believe he made his three-year-old wear a mask?"

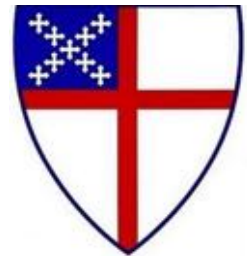
Wilkinson-Ryan described this as a "psychological morass". And I think the awkwardness here cannot be overstated, where we are sizing up even good friends as to what their personal attitude towards physical engagements are! This kind of spectatorship may feel good, but I've found that it has also emboldened me to call out all manners of behaviors and opinions (and perhaps less-than-charitably). There's a lot of virtue signaling on my Facebook page at the moment and it's not terribly becoming. It is desperate. Because everyone is a complete mess right now, and in all of the world's upheaval, correction is one of the few vestiges of control we have left.

And don't get me wrong. Our call as baptized Christians is a necessary and prophetic one. But the flipside of our call is equally important, especially in this divisive time. The other side to being Christlike is to empty ourselves like Jesus on the cross, tampering down our self-righteousness and cultivating that sense of humility. As John the baptizer said, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

So, when that family member with infantile political beliefs seems to be inviting you into a sparring match, get away from the screen and save it until that family meal that (God-willing) we'll be eating together soon. If that individual in the store is not giving you a wide enough berth and it's provoking a surprising amount of ire, maybe it is time for you to get out and see some of your friends (albeit with a mask on!)?

However we do it in these times, we're called to question the vicious reactivity that our world is drowning in. We have to decrease so that Jesus can increase in us. God grant us grace and give us forgiveness.

Charlie+



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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NEW BUILDING, NEW LOGO!

One of the goals of our building project is to create a new identity at All Saints', something that's different than our constituent parts (St. Matthew's, Holy Nativity, or the national church).

To that end, the vestry would like to introduce our new logo and typeface! Our goal was to design something that is modern, aesthetically-pleasing, and able to add some consistency to our branding, website, and newsletter.

Our logo is based on the [Tudor Rose](#), the traditional heraldic symbol of England and a nod to our Anglican heritage. It also looks like a snowflake! Blue is a color that is favored by the vast majority of people, and is a color that speaks to tradition, peace, order, and stability (you'll notice that most of the apps on your cell phone have blue icons!). Our font is a serif called New Renaissance, which is not a default font for email, word processing, etc... Therefore, it is our own in terms of visual association!

We are a welcoming community and good design won't make up for a lack of hospitality. However, it might make the difference when it comes to getting someone through our doors.

Let us know what you think!



SERVICE CHANGES

On August 23rd we moved our worship services outside to the front lawn, due to our construction project and new guidelines regarding singing set forth by the Bishop's office after meeting with Dr. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. We will continue to worship outside for the foreseeable future as long as the weather holds. If we move services back indoors due to the weather, in accordance with the guidelines from the Bishop, there will be no singing at any of the services. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility with the changes we are required to make. Guidelines can be found on page 9. Below, right, is Charlie blessing Mary Lou & Homer's 64th wedding anniversary.



THERE'S A CHANGE A COMIN'-HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST

August building project highlights



July 31 - original siding removed



July 31 - lath and plaster revealed



Aug 2 - last Eucharist before wall goes away



Aug 4 - chancel cleared out



Aug 5 - windows in the addition



Aug 6 - stained glass starts to come out



Aug 6 - half way down



Aug 6 - safe on the ground - yay!

THERE'S A CHANGE A COMIN' - HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST (cont'd)

August building project highlights



Aug 6 - back wall gone - next...the platform



Aug 6 - who remembers gold carpet?



Aug 6 - platform removed



Aug 6 - a day of much change



Aug 11 - inside doors removed



Aug 13 - front door removed



Aug 13 - old windows replaced



Aug 13 - old windows replaced

THERE'S A CHANGE A COMIN' -HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST (cont'd)

August building project highlights



Aug 17 - front door changed



Aug 18 - new windows in old chancel area



Aug 18 - new windows in old chancel area



Aug 21 - pews detached



Aug 21 - front wall reframed



Aug 21 - outside insulation started



Aug 24 - last of the windows installed



Aug 25 - insulation all around

THERE'S A CHANGE A COMIN'-HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST (cont'd)

August building project highlights



Aug 25 - ready for more interior remodeling



Aug 26 - start of new siding



Aug 26 - view through the front doors



Aug 27 - siding around the back



Aug 27 - new board and batten started



Aug 28 - more siding



Aug 28 - new heating/cooling unit in crawl space



wondering where the pews are?...in Chr Ed

SOAP SELLERS

For the past month and change, Fr. Charlie and Mtr. Mikayla have been selling soap for COVID relief on the Navajo nation at the Columbia Falls farmer's market (whenever a vendor cannot make a date). As luck would have it, the Farmer's market has finally given us with our own spot until the market closes on September 24th. Unfortunately, this coincides with our new book group...

So, if you are not too keen on joining the book group (or yet another Zoom meeting!), but would like to participate in a good cause, let Fr. Charlie know if you are available on any upcoming Thursday from 4-8pm. This year, the farmer's market is requiring that all vendors and guests wear masks and maintain social distance. They have also established a "hard close" at 8pm so that guests do not linger.

If you are interested or have any questions, please email [Fr. Charlie](#).



BACKPACK UPDATE

We collected lots of backpacks and just shy of \$1,300 for more backpacks, school supplies, and gift certificates for gym shoes. The need was a little less than it has been in years past, but all recipients were very thankful. The Columbia Falls food bank receives donations for school supplies from no one other than us, so they were extremely grateful. The Flathead Youth Home was out of supplies, so they too were especially appreciative. And continuing our long standing relationship with Samaritan House, in a similar fashion to the Samaritan House Christmas Caring Tree we did last year, two families were given needed school supplies as well as shoes. Thank you to Amy Peterson for doing all the organizing, shopping, and delivering of the needed supplies. As Amy said, even in the midst of COVID, people continually surprise her with their generosity. So a big thank you to everyone who donated once again to our annual school supply and backpack drive. All Saints' parishioners are the BEST!



PET BLESSING

Let not your pets be troubled, there will be a pet blessing sometime in October. As soon as we have a date in place, we'll let you know!



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
see page 10 for service hours * all events listed here are ZOOM except for dog park		1 Office Hour 5:00pm-6:00pm Dog Park 10-11am (LIVE!)	2 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon	3 Office Hour 11:00-12:00 pm Book Club 6:00pm-7:00pm	4 Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 pm	5
6 Coffee Hour 12:00-1:00 pm	7 LABOR DAY (office closed) 	8 Office Hour 5:00pm-6:00pm Dog Park	9 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon	10 Office Hour 11:00-12:00 pm Book Club 6:00pm-7:00pm	11 Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 pm	12
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20 Coffee Hour 12:00-1:00 pm Vestry Meeting 12:30	21 Office Hours 11:00-12:00pm 2:00-3:00 pm	22 Office Hour 5:00pm-6:00pm Dog Park 10-11am (LIVE!)	23 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon	24 Office Hour 11:00-12:00 pm Book Club 6:00pm-7:00pm	25 Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 pm	26
27 Coffee Hour 12:00-1:00 pm	28 Office Hours 11:00-12:00pm 2:00-3:00 pm	29 Office Hour 5:00pm-6:00pm Dog Park 10-11 am (LIVE!)	30 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon			

COVID-19 SERVICE CHANGES AND PRECAUTIONS

CHANGES TO OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Welcome Back!

For the love of your neighbor, please:

- WEAR A MASK WHILE INDOORS.
- REMAIN 6'-10' APART.
- SING GENTLY.
- AVOID TOUCHING SURFACES.
- WASH YOUR HANDS!

Thank You!

- WE ARE NOW HOLDING WORSHIP SERVICES OUTSIDE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS FROM THE BISHOP
- 7:30 AM AND 7 PM SERVICES:
 - NO MUSIC
 - MASKS NOT REQUIRED
 - MAINTAIN A 6 FT DISTANCE BETWEEN FAMILIES
- 9 & 11 AM SERVICES:
 - MUSIC AND SINGING
 - MASKS REQUIRED
 - MAINTAIN A 10 FT DISTANCE BETWEEN FAMILIES
- WE WILL HAVE SOME FOLDING CHAIRS SET UP OUTSIDE, BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN
- COMMUNION (IN BOTH KINDS) WILL BE BROUGHT TO YOU RATHER THAN YOU COMING UP TO THE ALTAR
- 9 AM SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AND RECORDED TO POST ON OUR WEBSITE AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION FROM 10 - 11 AM IN THE PARKING LOT





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

10:00-11:00 am - Drive through communion

11:00 am - service with hymns

7:00 pm – service only, no music

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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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