

ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fifty-two years ago, the Beatles came out with their song "When I'm 64." Some will remember it as a track on **Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band**, which *Rolling Stone Magazine* (and I) claim to be the greatest album of all time.

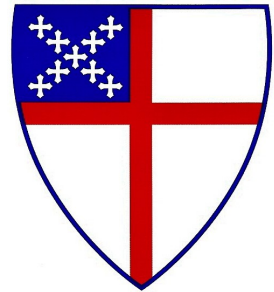
Well, I'm not 64 and a curious thing has happened. Not so much according to the Beatles, but instead to the *Book of Revelation*, in a reading we will hear mid-month on the 19th, in fact, I'm not becoming older. Instead, the Lord God is saying, "See, I am making all things new...Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And so I have done what I was told to do. I've written down that all things are being made new. And "all", of course, means "all".

Easter is like that. Nothing escapes it. It is like the reverse of a black hole, not unlike the one I was talking about in my sermon on the second Sunday of Easter except, again, for the fact that it is just the reverse. From Easter, the intensity of light which illuminates creation, emanating from the resurrection of Christ, can't be stopped and so it chases away the totality of the power of sin and the sting of death...and not just some sin and some death but the whole inventory of sin and death from soup to nuts; lock, stock and barrel; the entirety of it all. All that is left is redeemed and sanctified life, new life.

So included in all that newness, I am made new. You are made new. The Prairie View A & M Panthers, who lost to the Fairleigh Dickenson Knights in the NCAA Basketball Tournament, are made new. The office of the Bishop of the Diocese is being made new and, of course, so is All Saints' Episcopal Church, Whitefish-Columbia Falls in more ways than one. Every time the risen Christ walks by or merely winks our way, new life emerges in every direction and it is thrilling to be caught up in that.

So, as we watch all that take place over these next months and beyond, know that it is not just some mindless progress which we've chanced upon because we accidentally find ourselves at this place and at this time. Rather, it is that we simply are existing in the glow of Easter and we can't help but be made new. So enjoy. Take a walk in Glacier Park. Go to Super One on East Idaho in Kalispell and have their 25 cent kid's cone (yes, you are young enough to buy it, even at 64) and rejoice. It is Easter after all. So thank God for the exuberant blessings coming your way and look everywhere for the presence of a resurrected Christ. You will find it especially where I have over these last fourteen years, in you...in one another.

Faithfully yours, Bradley



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LET THE SEARCH BEGIN!

By Cynthia Benkelman

The vestry of All Saints' has selected the search committee for the next rector of the parish.

This committee will be tasked with gathering information and input from the parish, developing a parish profile which will be published and advertised, and screening possible candidates to narrow down the applicants. The final candidates will be presented to the vestry who will make the final decision.

They will work with Canon Chris Roberts who manages transition ministries for the Diocese of Montana. They will be meeting with him several times during May.

The vestry is very pleased with the combination of experience, gifts, talents and skills in the committee members and trusts they will do an excellent job.

Cynthia Benkelman, vestry liaison and chair (voice, but no vote)

The members of the committee (voice and vote) are:

Sam Baldrige

Lindsey Bushnell

Suzanne DeVore

Jeff Jung

Kathleen Martin

Kim Puckett

Grace Benkelman

Missy Carlross

Mary Lou Hurley

Jenny Kruger

Amy Peterson

Beth Hudnall Stamm

Kate Wright

LET THE BUILDING BEGIN

By Carl Thomas

On Wednesday evening, May 15th, the building committee will outline its decisions concerning the plans for renovation and expansion of the sanctuary as well as the plans for the church offices. We are probably only a month away from ground breaking, maybe less, and are excited that we are well on our way to completing the dream of worshiping as one body.

Please come to a barbeque at 5:30, with the meeting beginning approximately 6:00.

This is a historic and fabulous moment in the life of All Saints' and we hope all will make the dinner and the meeting. The totality of the evening meal is provided, so no one has to be away from the discussion while tending to, providing for, or cleaning up from dinner.

The building committee is:

Carl Thomas, chair

Shawn Sloan

Michael Moffitt

Sherry Spencer

Bradley Wirth

Shane Jacobs is our architect.



AND SO IT BEGINS....REALLY!

Going



Going



Gone

DIOCESE OF MONTANA BISHOP SEARCH

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana
Is pleased to announce the Final Slate of Candidates for
The Tenth Bishop of Montana, and
To open the Petition Process

The process began over a year ago. The Nominating Committee submitted four names to the Standing Committee. One of those individuals withdrew their name. Before the Walk-about, the candidates will receive their psychiatric and physical evaluations.

In alphabetical order:

- The Rev. Mary Caucutt, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Cody, WY
- The Rev. Dr. Nina Ranadive Pooley, Rector, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, Maine
- The Rev. Marty Stebbins, Rector, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NC

All information about the candidates, including their statements, and resumes will be posted on the diocese website: www.diomt.com

EASTER WEEK AND EASTER AT ALL SAINTS'



Christ
is
Risen!



MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs	2 Noon service at AS	3	4
5 Services at 9 and 11 am	6	7	8 Morning Prayer 10 am at The Springs	9 Noonday Prayer at AS	10	11
12 Services at 9 and 11 am <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs 10 am service at The Springs 5:30 pm Bldg Committee report/ BBQ dinner	16 Noon service at AS	17	18
19 Services at 9 and 11 am Vestry 12:30	20	21	22 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs 10 am service at The Springs 6:00 pm Search committee report	23 Noon service at AS	24	25
26 Services at 9 and 11 am	27	28	29	30		

ALL SAINTS' FAMILY...THE HAPPY AND THE SAD



On the happy side the Kimmet/Wirth family is delighted to announce the arrival of Hannah, sister to Emily, on April 16th. Christine and Derrick have announced that Hannah's baptism will be June 16th at the 11 am service.

On the sad side, All Saints' said goodbye to Cookie and Jill Boyd on Easter Sunday. They are relocating to Oregon and will be missed. Hopefully they'll be back for visits.



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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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YouTube link: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZ_oAI6n1GwSPS5dIAkzdA

Webpage link: <http://www.allsaintsmt.org>

Vestry members:

Rector: Reverend Canon Bradley Wirth
Senior Warden: Ben Pomerantz
Junior Warden: Grace Benkelman
Treasurer: Carl Thomas
Clerk: Kathy Thomas
Cynthia Benkelman
Betsy Paugh
Shawn Sloan
Heidi Sobczak

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