

ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



It's time to support our area students as they prepare to return to school. Each fall we collect about 50 backpacks and supplies to be distributed to the Columbia Falls food bank and this year to take to the kids who attend the Canyon Community Dinners. We also collect monetary donations to purchase gift certificates for shoes and other clothing needs students might have who are at Samaritan House (local homeless shelter), the Flathead Youth Home, and area schools. Please bring backpacks and supplies, or monetary donations (checks should have "school supplies" written on the memo line) to church by August 8th, (but of course we will continue to welcome supplies after that date). I usually have a lot of shopping to do and school starts early this year. I am always amazed at your generous spirit. Thanks yet again for being the hands and feet of Christ's Body.

Peace to you all,
Amy Peterson



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THE LARSON WEDDING

The very first wedding ceremony in All Saints' recently expanded worship space took place on July 11. It was actually a renewal of wedding vows for Elizabeth and Michael Larson. Elizabeth is the daughter of Meggen & Brian Wilson, long time parishioners of All Saints'. Elizabeth's big dream wedding was scheduled to take place on July 10, 2020, but the pandemic put a halt to any sort of large gathering. In addition, All Saints' was smack dab in the middle of our renovation project and so they were forced to have a very small wedding in their backyard. But they were determined not to give up on their dream wedding at All Saints' and a year later their dream came true with a ceremony to renew their wedding vows. The wedding was also live-streamed for family members who were unable to travel. All Saints' Rector Emeritus, Bradley Wirth, was the celebrant. Congratulations to Michael and Elizabeth! We're so honored to have been able to help make your dream wedding come true.



THE YODER-PRICE WEDDING

On July 29, Julie Yoder and Matthew Price were married in an intimate ceremony at All Saints'. They had originally planned an outdoor wedding, but chose to exchange their vows in the air-conditioned luxury of All Saints' away from the smoke. Some of their family witnessed the ceremony through Zoom. After the ceremony the newlyweds trekked into Glacier Park to meet a photographer for some outdoor wedding photos. Congrats to Julie and Matt! All Saints' was delighted to be a part of your special day.



Making it official...in the church books, anyway!



FRANK FLANAGAN

On July 23, Frank Flanagan, long-time resident of the Montana Veterans home and member of All Saints' extended family, died. A service was held at the Vet's home on July 27. Several of All Saints' Eucharistic Visitors, who took communion to Frank nearly every week during the 8 months of our Rector search, were in attendance. Looking back through the records, our Rector Emeritus, Bradley Wirth, first visited Frank (back when Bradley was still Rector) on Dec 7, 2014. Although the majority of us never met Frank you may remember the quote he contributed to our Ministry Narrative. May Frank rest in peace and rise in glory and thank you Frank for your service to our country!

With the sacrament brought every week, I experience the forgiveness of sins and connection with the Church just as if I was sitting in a pew on Sunday. I'm so thankful for this time in prayer with a friend in Christ.

- Staff Sargent Frank Flanagan (Ret. U. S. Air Force and resident at the Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls)



ALL SAINTS' DAY CAMP TENTS UP!

After being unable to hold Day Camp last summer due to the pandemic, All Saints' Day Camp will be in full swing the first two weeks of August. Our camp is offered to kids in grades 2-6. It is staffed by Camp Marshall Episcopal Church Camp staff and overseen by Cynthia Benkelman, our Minister for Children & Youth. Even though Fr. Charlie hasn't been able to see how our previous Day Camps operate, he has nonetheless jumped in with both feet to help out. This year in addition to our regular camp activities of games, art, music, and Christian formation, we have scheduled a yoga instructor, someone from Glacier Institute, as well as fun on campus water games (since we will be unable to transport kids to Whitefish Lake, as we usually do every year, due to covid restrictions). Camp is a great way for kids to experience God through games, stories, music, art, and also have a lot of fun. Day Camp is funded by a line item in our budget so thanks to all of YOU, the All Saints' family, we are able to offer this camp completely free of charge to local youth.



CANYON COMMUNITY DINNERS

The Canyon Community Dinners in Hungry Horse were finally able to start back up on July 29. Twelve dedicated volunteers handed out around 50 "picnic to go" meals with BBQed hamburgers, hot dogs, polish sausage, baked potato, 3 bean salad, watermelon, and bottled water. "For the first time back in 18 months the 'drive up and pick up meal' was the beginning of hopefully a new way of serving others safely," said CCD coordinator LouAnn Mohn.



The Canyon Community Dinners are served on the last Thursday of the month and the September 30th dinner is when All Saints' will be responsible for planning the meal and doing the cooking. Our parish youth will be helping out at that meal as well. If you would like to get involved with this rewarding ministry (no cooking experience needed) please contact Betsy or Steve Paugh or Fr. Charlie.

Connie and David were two of the volunteers from All Saints' at the CCD dinner in July.

UPDATE ON COVID PROTOCOLS

Our bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Marty Stebbins was an epidemiologist in her former life. She has been looking very carefully at the state's vaccination and infection numbers for the better part of a year.

Infection numbers are going up rapidly in Flathead County and vaccination rates are not following suit. In fact, Flathead County has the worst infection rate in the state of Montana (only 39% percent of the population is vaccinated compared to the 49.5% national average. The bishop encourages everyone who can get the vaccine "to get it for everyone else's sake."

According to the various public health agencies, most of those sick are unvaccinated. But as the numbers go up, the numbers of vaccinated people getting symptomatic disease will also go up. While serious disease is very rare in vaccinated people, we do not want our children to get sick. Children under the age of 12 cannot be vaccinated and the Delta Variant of COVID-19 is afflicting younger and younger individuals. For this reason, our day camps will be conducted almost completely out-of-doors by fully-vaccinated staff.

Christ Church, Kalispell and All Saints have been advised to wear masks while worshipping indoors. This is not a pastoral directive. It is not mandatory, nor are we foregoing singing at this time. However, we will be providing masks at all of our services and we encourage you to wear them for the love of neighbor.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Charlie.

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

We are ready to bring back coffee hour!

We are starting to slowly ease back into coffee hour after both services. The 9 o'clock service has traditionally been organized by "care groups" who are responsible for providing snacks for an entire month and the 11 o'clock service has traditionally had a sign up sheet. There is a sign up sheet for the 11 o'clockers on the fridge. So feel free to sign up if you would like to provide snacks for a particular Sunday. We'd like to start out simple, with just light snacks of cheese, crackers, fruit, cookies, etc. We will not be making coffee just yet, but will have lemonade, juice, water, etc available.



Coffee Fellowship

If you would like to get involved with occasionally providing snacks you can either sign up for the 11 o'clock coffee hour or let Shawn know for the 9 o'clock coffee hour. You do not need to provide an elaborate meal, just light snacks as we start to gather together once again.

READY TO "USHER" IN SUNDAYS?

We are looking for some folks at the 9 and 11am services to:

- Say hello to folks at the door
- Pass out bulletins
- Collect newcomer's cards
- Bring the bread and wine to the altar
- Pass the offering plates (or else recruit kiddos to pass the plate)
- Usher parishoners to the altar railing for communion



This is an easy way to be an evangelist. If you're interested, please email Shawn.

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Service Hours: See page 6	2 Day Camp	3 Day Camp	4 Day Camp	5 Day Camp Springs Service 11 am	6 Day Camp	7
8 Service Hours: See page 6	9 Day Camp	10 Day Camp	11 Day Camp	12 Day Camp Springs Service 11 am	13 Day Camp	14
15 Service Hours: See page 6	16 Vestry 5 pm Live and on Zoom	17	18 Bible Study Live and on Zoom 10:30-11:30am	19 Springs Service 11 am	20	21
22 Service Hours: See page 6	23 Vestry 5:00 pm Live and on Zoom	24	25 Bible Study Live and on Zoom 10:30-11:30am	26 Springs Service 11 am	27	28
29 Service Hours: See page 6	30	31				

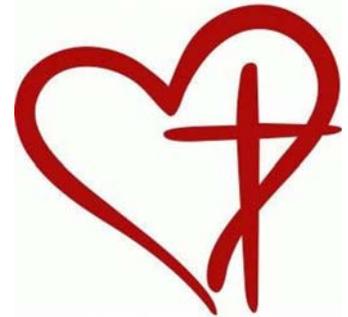
SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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



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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