

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

Dear Cathedral Family,

September is here and with it the new program year. For the first time since 2019, I am looking forward to this fall with less apprehension and more hope for the ways that the Cathedral community can be together for worship, formation, fellowship, and service to one another and to those in need. And all of this with metaphorical fingers crossed & knocking on wood, plus lots of real praying.

I feel like we are just past the gray area and moving from a pandemic response to COVID into an endemic reality of day-to-day living with COVID. Spokane County is back in the green category of lower risk of spread of COVID, after weeks this summer in the high-risk red category. For many of us this summer we have received the gift of good weather, with minimal fires and smoke, and taken time to be with and visit family and friends outdoors.

Many have returned to travel, as I have, and taken precautions as needed. At the same time, members of the Cathedral congregation young and older (but vaccinated and boosted if eligible!) got COVID over the summer. For most of them their infection ranged between very mild, a bad cold, or a mild flu, while others were sick for close to a month and then had secondary infections like pneumonia. I am very aware that there are also members of the Cathedral congregation who continue to experience long-COVID symptoms, as well as those who are particularly vulnerable to becoming very sick if infected.

While I know you might be sick of hearing about COVID, I share this so that we can continue to care for one another, hold one another in prayer, and make needed space for one another. Watch for the spaces in the Cathedral that are designated as masks required and wear your mask in those places. If your friend is wearing a mask and you do not have one on you, wait to talk to them until outside. And when in doubt, ask the person whether they prefer you wear a mask.

This fall we will once again expand our worship schedule and start a Sunday evening 5:00 pm service with Eucharist most weeks. The first public service will be on September 11. It will be distinct in character from our Sunday morning services, with different music and more flexibility following the options allowed in the Book of Common Prayer in the Order for the Eucharist – aka Rite III. We will make use of the options allowed by Bishop Rehberg to use Eucharistic prayers from outside the BCP; this includes Enriching Our Worship (which we have used at the 10:30 am service), other prayer books from across the Anglican communion, and unpublished Eucharistic prayers. The music will be from a variety of traditions, including those outside of the Hymnal 1982, and the choices will not be intended for the organ. As noted by Andrea Olsen, Director of Music Ministry, this 5:00 pm service will be Evensong (sung Evening Prayer with anthems by choir or other music ensembles) or a St.

John's Music Series offering. The new Sunday 5:00 pm service may not be for everyone – just as the quieter 8:00 am traditional language (Rite I) Eucharist and even the music filled 10:30 am more-contemporary language (Rite II) Eucharist are not for everyone. The gift of being a Cathedral is that we have the resources of space, personnel, and even funding (thank you pledgers and generations past as embodied in the Foundation) to be creative in many ways in our worship and praise of God.

This August, our family vacation took us to places that were new to some of us or all of us. Across these times, we spent time in and around nature. A horse riding lesson for the kiddos with Mount Baker as a sentinel. Watching the waves of and clouds over Puget Sound and seeing dolphins feasting one evening. Hiking through the canopy of ancient trees and deep mosses in the Hoh rainforest in Olympic National Park. Hiking partway out Dungeness spit exposed to the wind and seeing the power of the tides on rocks and driftwood. Feeling the winds and seeing the glory of Hurricane Ridge while crossing the Salish Sea and Strait of Juan de Fuca. Walking in curated nature at Butchart Gardens north of Victoria, BC, and in sitting in wild nature on a stone beach near Sooke west of Victoria. Watching a heron catching small fish at a seemingly all-it-could-eat buffet next to a water taxi stop in Victoria. Driving from

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From the Associate Priest

From Rev. Arlen Farley

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. I spent time between here and Camp Cross and enjoyed preparing three couples for marriage, two of which were married at St. John's and one on Lake Coeur d'Alene. As of this writing, our family has just returned from a late-summer exploration of Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce National Parks. It was exhilarating and renewing to be in the presence of those ancient rocks. The brilliant creamsicle colored hoodoo formations at Bryce (see photos below) stand out especially in my imagination, formed over millions of years through uplift of ancient lake-bed material and then chiseled by annual cycles of frost-wedging. I was reminded, in their presence, that God is still making the world and there is new creation in every moment even if I often can't see it. St. Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth comes to mind. "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation." The new creation opened up by

Christ uplifts us and carves us out by way of prayer and song, friendship and scripture, in the community of the church, creation and revelation conspiring to make us new.

Within those larger cycles of creation our feet touch the ground of a new program year at St. John's. The annual welcome bash and blessing of the backpacks is Sunday, September 11. Let's commit the cycle of the new school year to God and bless students and teachers alike. After the 10:30am service Cathedral Life and Family Ministries are hosting a party. BBQ (including vegan options), live jazz music from Garrin Hertel on the White House porch, a bouncy castle next to the labyrinth with slides, and other games promises to be festive! Invite friends of all ages to worship and party with us.

Sunday school launches the following Sunday, September 18. I am grateful and moved by the dedication and creativity of the program Sarah Robertson and Lisa Church have run along with Seth and others this last year. Our younger children learned about Christian worship, explored indoor and outdoor crooks and crannies of the

Cathedral, studied Jesus' parables and the lives of saints, and even learned about contemporary voices of faith from across other cultures and faith traditions. This year will include more reflection on the teachings of Jesus, a look at the ancestor stories of Genesis and Exodus, learning about female prophets and apostles from scripture and saints from the Christian Tradition, and more. The Nursery will be open again for children 5 and under.

In the next week our regional Sr. High and Jr. High Youth Groups will regather and look toward schedule for the coming year. I'm also reaching out to the many families with Jr. High students in the next week to explore something particularly for them outside of the times of those gatherings. The Coffee Cart is also open, under soon-to-be-announced leadership, and Sr. High students are invited to apply to work on Sunday am by getting in touch with me (afarley@stjohns-cathedral.org). Our interim Acolyte Master has just taken on a new job in a new town, as expected, so we'll also be transitioning leadership in that ministry and inviting broad, intergenerational participation.

I look forward to catching up with all in the next few weeks!



Music Notes

By Andrea Olsen

The Music Ministry Team has been busy over the Summer months with:

- Phase one of organ (pedal) repairs completed
- Welcoming guest carillonneur Wesley Arai for the Annual 4th of July Carillon Concert
- Hosting the Spokane Area Youth Choir Summer camp (August 8-10) Check out the pictures!
- Continued research and discernment towards the Sound System Upgrade

Additionally, through the generosity of Martha True and her gift to the Cathedral Music Ministry we were able to:

- Purchase two new Handbells (now we almost have a full set!)
- Repair, clean, and ‘tune-up’ our existing Handbell instruments
- Repair and ‘tune-up’ the Hand-chime instruments (often used by the Junior Choir)
- Finalize the bid/contract for long-needed repairs, rebuilding, cleaning, and maintenance for the Cathedral organ

The True Committee members: Karen Martin, Byrl Cinnamon, Linda Shea, (former member) John Bodinger, Dean Heather VanDeventer, and myself have been working diligently towards prudent and wise spending as we continue to discern next steps for possible Carillon maintenance/upgrades. We are so grateful to Martha True and her foresight of funding for continued success of the Music Ministry at St. John’s.

Sadly, the repair and upgrade on the organ does require its

removal so we will be without the organ for the remainder of 2022 and the first few months of 2023, however, we are procuring a Positiv organ (large free-standing organ) which we will utilize to the best of its capability during this time. You may remember that the organ was not working for the bulk of the covid lock-down so this repair work has been a long-time coming. There is no ‘good time’ to be without our beloved Cathedral organ, but I am confident that our ‘loaner’ organ will be adequate to get us through the next several months – especially under the fingers of our highly skilled, interim organist/pianist, (and all-around nice person), Mark Haberman! Welcome to the Cathedral Music Team, Mark!

I am delighted to report that our Junior Choir continues to grow in numbers (and siblings!) which allows us to split the choir into two groups:

Prep Choir – ages 5-9

Junior Choir – ages 10-13

Rehearsal times will remain the same with BOTH choirs practicing on Thursday evenings from 5-6. This will allow Junior Choir Assistant, Miss Ruby, and I, to encourage spiritual growth and music learning for ALL our young singers with age-appropriate material and learning activities. There will still be opportunity for both Prep and Junior Choirs to sing together, as well as for Junior Choir members to join the Cathedral (adult) Choir for special occasions/services as well.

Our Cathedral Ringers, under the direction of Eric Betz, plan to add 15 minutes to their rehearsal time in order to work on ringing technique and encourage regular bell

maintenance. The Region 10 Handbell Conference is scheduled to be held in Spokane Valley in June of 2023, and we are hoping to round out our membership and encourage full participation at the conference. If you’re interested in ringing (or ringing again!) this is a great time to start!

A Sunday Evening Service begins this Fall! This 60-minute service using Rite III prayers, folk-style hymns, anthems, and service music. Offered at 5:00pm on Sunday, we hope our high school musicians will feel called to get involved, in some capacity, alongside the guidance of our Evening Service Leaders (ESL’s): Amanda Glover, Eric Betz, Ruby Gibford, Arlen Farley, Dean Heather, Kristi Philip, and myself. This new day and time will ‘flex’ around monthly Evensong Services and/or Music Series Concerts so please check the calendar!

The Cathedral Music Ministry will be offering a Music Series or Evensong Service each month of the 2022-2023 program year. These ‘special’ services or concerts will now be held at 5:00pm on Sunday Evenings to maintain consistency with the time slot of the formerly mentioned Sunday Evening Worship service (prior Music Series Event times varied between 3 or 4 pm). Again, please check the calendar for service/event dates.

Our Music Ministry is growing, and Fall is a great time to start making ‘a joyful noise’ with us! Please contact me with questions: andrea@stjohns-cathedral.org

Hosanna in the Highest!

Stewardship Committee

By John Wallingford

The most important element of stewardship of the church is the stewardship of one's self. We are the church. Read it again, We are the church. When we pledge to support St John's, we are pledging to support the continuation of the group of persons who meet here for conversation, worship, prayer; in Paul's words, to build each other up (I Thessalonians 5:11). We are paying for the spiritual direction provided by clergy, for an institutional voice in the politics off the National Church and the city of Spokane, for the comfort of community. St John's has stretched itself in new ways through Covid. I am so gratified that the Cathedral hosted the Hope for Creation Conference, a public call to care for the Earth by faith and secular groups alike. During his visit, we asked Presiding Bishop Curry about including language in the baptismal covenant that went beyond respect for the dignity of every human being, to respect for all of creation. Now Arlen informs me Bishop Curry is soliciting a delegation to attend the COP27 meeting in Egypt (or virtually) next November. This is us.

The outreach committee has increased the Cathedral's involvement in other social issues by joining Faith Action Network. This is us. I learned from Lisa Church that the refugee family St John's is supporting is slowly getting settled, facing the strains of a federal bureaucracy, a different language and culture, the upcoming school year. Parishioners staff Windfall and we collect school items for Grant elementary, caring for our neighbors. The Episcopal church affirms women as priests and supports the LGBTQ community, throwing down barriers that are

hundreds of years old. The Episcopal church is at the forefront of racial reconciliation, no small undertaking in our times. I'm thankful for all this hard work of loving others as ourselves. Stewardship on the ground has the immediacy of caring for one wind-tossed family to the open support of groups of persons who are oppressed.

I'm excited for the upcoming Sunday evening service, referred to as Rite III. The service will take a variety of forms: evensong once a month, liturgies from Canada and New Zealand, and possibly our own experimental liturgy in line with Book of Common Prayer. Rite III lets the Cathedral reach into corners of the community we haven't reached before, especially those whole weekends are chock full of chores for whom a pause, in worship, sets life in order before the upcoming week. Bishop Curry made the Way of Love our Episcopal theme. In words of Jackie DeShannon's 1965 song, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love." (<https://youtu.be/YUaxVQPohlU>). Your stewardship of St John's builds us up together to be a source of that needed love.

Sunday Forum

From Jenny Brown

This fall, we will be starting our Adult Faith Formation with a series of talks and discussions by Meredith Shimizu entitled *Art and Our Faith*. Each week will take a close look at a specific work of art as a resource for theological contemplation and the rich history of the Christian Church. Along the way, you will develop some basic tools for analyzing art, some historical context that will root the art-

Volunteer Opportunities at The Windfall

By Ann Harder

The Windfall is the thrift shop operated by St. John's Service League. At this time, Windfall is open Thursday through Saturday. The hours are 12:30 to 5:30 Thursday and Friday and 12 to 5 on Saturday. Many volunteers agree to work a 2 1/2-hour shift (either open or close the store) every other week and some agree to work every week.

We need volunteers. As a volunteer, you will operate the cash register, put out the donations that we have received and greet our wonderful customers. Some volunteers prefer to operate the cash register, some to interact with customers, some to process donations and some to engage in all the activities of Windfall. Each person chooses their favorite task.

Our volunteers are a very friendly, supportive and fun group to work with. It provides a great opportunity to be the public face of St. John's inclusive religious community. We are hoping to be able to be open more days. We need more volunteers to do this.

Questions or comments? Please contact Carol Albietz: 509-455-6269, sevigus@comcast.net or Ann Harder: 509-994-8938, annhharder@gmail.com

work in time and place, and begin to look to art for your personal reflection on theology and your own religious practice. Join us, beginning on September 18 at 9:15 in the Great Hall, for everything from Michelangelo to Van Eyck to Rembrandt, and let your eyes and mind rest in the beauty of the artistic world!

Half Pint Jars Needed

From The Altar Guild

It seems fitting that the It is almost time for Champagne Mustard! Altar Guild is gearing up for another successful Bazaar, and are gathering supplies. We make over 400 jars of mustard, and recycling used jars is both economical and good for the environment. Please check for empty half pint jars and rings, and bring them to the Cathedral. There is a basket in the Jewett House hallway for jar collection. We appreciate it! The Cathedral Altar Guild.

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the lush green agricultural lands east of Vancouver, across the Canadian Cascades and the Coquihalla Summit, to the blooming arid lands of the Canadian Okanagan region. For me, all of these occasions were times to breathe in God's glory in creation in ways large and small – and in ways that are different from being amidst the nature (and God's glory) that I am with day to day.

I have shared a couple of photos with you – I and we took so many photos – from our time in nature and also one of the Chapel of the Resurrection at Valparaiso University, where my older kiddo Cassie is now officially a freshman with classes begun. I hope you had times of refreshment and reinvigorated perspective across these summer months, whether you traveled far or stayed at home. I hope you come to worship, fellowship, formation, and service to one another and those in need with an open heart, a renewed spirit, and a certainty of God's love and grace. And if your heart is heavy with the cares and burdens of this world, know that you are held in God's love and grace.

Refugees

From St. John's Outreach Committee

It's been an interesting summer with our refugee resettlement work!

We moved the family from a home referred to us by a St. Stephen's congregation family that was available right when we needed it, but not close to public transportation. The family is now moved into a home in the Perry district, with extremely convenient access to bus transportation to the 29th and the downtown commercial areas, affordable health & dental care, public library, community center, elementary school, and of course our own Windfall thrift store. We were made aware of this apartment from a Ferris High School Facebook group, and the apartment manager was willing to lease to the family without a co-signer. This was a very important step in building independence, and we are so grateful for the continued enthusiasm and support for refugees from the Spokane community.

The children received a visit from their teachers this summer along with iPads on loan from the school, loaded with apps to help the children learn American Sign Language and English Language Development. The

family is busy with preparing for school in the fall.

We have a dedicated team of volunteers from the St. John's & St. Stephen's congregations working with the family specifically on medical insurance and appointments. These people have worked tirelessly to change insurance to work with the affordable health care in the Perry district, and to help manage specialty appointments. This has been one of the busiest and hardest working groups to work with this family.

We have worked closely with IRC (International Rescue Committee), as the father of this family came to the US later than the rest of the family, and is being formally resettled by IRC. IRC has some exciting volunteer opportunities for tutoring children this fall, as well as more involved volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for your support of our Refugee Resettlement Sponsor Circle! Our duties are coming to an end with this family. We would love to talk more with our congregations this fall about refugee volunteer opportunities and our future work.

See you on Sundays,
online, and especially at
the Welcome Bash on
the 11th.
Peace,
Dean Heather



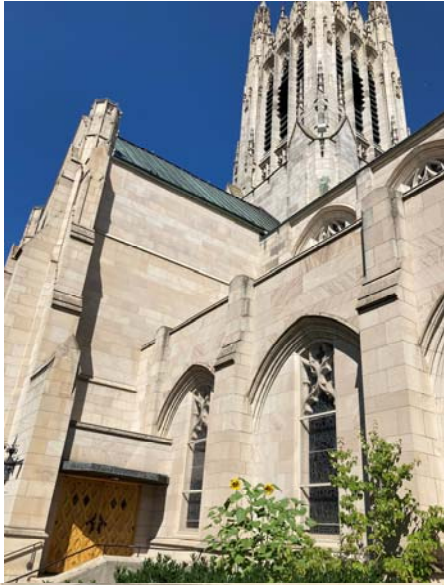
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Photos

(clockwise from top left)

Sunflowers at the Cathedral

Hoh Rainforest

Butchart Gardens



Chapel of the Resurrection,

Valparaiso University

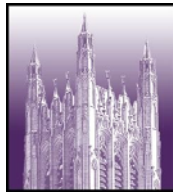
Painting by Katherine

Karr-Carnejo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 			30 10a Eucharist 5:30p Al Anon	1 4p Fireside Group 7p Choir	2 9a Whitworth Retreat 6p Al Anon	3 11a Susan Rooksby funeral
4 8a Worship 10:130a Worship	5 Labor Day Offices Closed	6 9:30a Staff 6:30p Contemplative Group	7 10a Eucharist 11a Bible Study 6:30p Al Anon	8 5p Jr. Choir 5:15p Property 5:30p Bells 7p Choir 7p Cathedral Life	9 3p YS Auditions 6p Al Anon	10 9a DAR 9a YS Auditions
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through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
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Worship Services

Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30am Outdoor Communion
(Welcome center patio)
5pm Holy Eucharist Rite III

Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II
(Great Hall)

Passages

Rest in Peace

Susan Rooksby
7/29/1980-1/17/2022
Rita Broodie
4/5/1939-7/27/2022

Date Reminders

9/4—Outdoor service & 5pm
worship begins
9/5—Labor Day, offices closed
9/7—Bible Study resumes
9/11—Welcome Bash
9/18—Sunday Forum & Sunday
School resume



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 11

Save trees and reduce costs—
subscribe to the emailed *Chimes*:
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The deadline for the October
Chimes is **Monday, Sept. 19**
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