

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer

Dear Cathedral Family,

The Feast of Pentecost is nearly here and with that we begin the season after Pentecost, also known as ordinary time or (as you have heard me say before) in Godly Play terms the great green growing season. This is a time when the rhythms of worship, formation, fellowship gatherings, and meetings shift into summer mode. While we may be a little more relaxed and not having as many entries on the calendar, God is still at work within each of us, within the Church, and within the world.

In mid-May, the Chapter had a working retreat, giving several hours on a beautiful Saturday to time together for a longer-range discussions that a typical monthly meeting allows. Across the morning, we reviewed, discussed, and offered further thoughts based on the work product from the table questions at the past two annual meetings. Many of you participated in those table conversations, considering ways that the Cathedral can reach in, out, and across (at the 2021 Annual Meeting) and ways of welcome at the Cathedral and where our welcome needs improvement (from the 2022 Annual Meeting this past February). Chapter noted where the Cathedral has participated in efforts suggested in the reach in, out, and across ideas – this included supporting a refugee family, resuming a weekend evening worship service, reviving the greeters ministry, and intergenerational gatherings. We were ex-

cited about the number of children and youth in Sunday school and in worship, along with their parents and grandparents. We noted where, as a congregation as well as within specific ministries, we offer a warm welcome to tourists, visitors, and newcomers, as well as to long-timers and those we see at worship on a regular basis.

[In case you are curious, here's my definitions, based out of resources from the Alban Institute, for those three categories of worship attendees:

Tourists are visitors from out of town or possibly from another church tradition who are coming to Sunday worship at the Cathedral in large part because of the Cathedral building itself.

Visitors are those who may be seeking a new church home, looking at churches in places they plan to move or retire, and those who have family in the area and who come to worship once or twice a year.

Newcomers are those seeking a new church home who have been to worship at the Cathedral three or more times over a six (or fewer) month period.]

Across the afternoon of the retreat, we turned our attention to discussing priorities for the 2023-24 program year. Chapter has more work to do to hone the list of priorities into a few which can be managed within a program year, so I am not sharing specifics but I do want to share the ten thousand foot level categories. Noting that the Outreach committee and ministry at the Cathedral has been a strong force for good in connecting with our mission partners and

supporting them with funds, Chapter sees working on the broader issue of poverty as important. St. John's Cathedral is a cathedral for and with the city of Spokane and our broader region; we all see the effects of poverty in the community and believe we need to address it as Christians. Chapter also wants to continue to focus on ways of welcome and newcomer incorporation. And one last theme to share is appreciation of those who give of their time and talents at the Cathedral and in service to the broader community. Stay tuned for more details with the mid-summer edition of the Chimes and as the fall of 2023 approaches.

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and during the week this summer. How will you continue to grow with God during this part of the great green growing season? Be open for the ways that the Holy Spirit will lead you.

In Christ's Peace,
Dean Heather

Passages

Rest in Peace

Father Ernie Campbell
8/17/1927—3/27/2023

Rev. Michael West
11/30/1931—4/7/2023

Patricia Anderson
4/2/1931—5/3/2023

Geraldine Bradshaw
2/2/1930-5/11/2023

Joyce Castillo
6/10/1922—5/25/2023

Sam Buzby
7/30/1932—5/26/2023

Family, Children, & Youth Ministry News

By The Rev. Arlen Farley

The school year is winding down and summer is almost here. Families with school-age children and youth are well into the dual sense of expectation for summer reprieve and a bit of dread for long hours of the day which suddenly lack structure. I invite you to consider whether it is also an opportunity to reflect on family spiritual practice. A change in season and schedule can sometimes create space for a new experiment or family conversation about how what you are already thinking of for the summer reflects your love of God and neighbor. Getting outside together can also be encountering creation. Watching a movie can be an opportunity to explore the intersection of story and God's story. Maybe a conversation could just be as simple as asking each other how you might be or plan to love God and neighbor as a family this summer.

We had a similar dinner conversation open to our larger St. John's family and youth ministry at the end of May. We have a lot to celebrate as the school year ends. Youth ministry, Sunday school, acolyte ministry, junior choir, and more! We had pizza, popsicles, and games for all ages. We also had some important planning to do as our regional youth minister, Elaine Patrick, has just left her position. We decided this summer is going to be about creating opportunities for gathering and community. We're planning two gatherings a month, hosted by youth and family ministry, but open to the whole congregation. One gathering will be at the Cathedral (think indoor board game night in the Great Hall or outdoor

evening s'mores and compline around a fire on the labyrinth) and one will be out and about town (think hikes or museums). Gatherings will be cost-accessible to all.

The first event is at SALTESE FLAT WETLANDS, 6-8pm, on June 15. All are welcome. Minimal gain, easy 1.5 mile walk. Bring binoculars & water. 1330 S Henry Rd Greenacres, WA. Park in North Parking Lot/Doris Morrison Learning Center Lot. No cost. Please contact Courtney Weiler, cmhweiler@gmail.com, with questions. Look for more gatherings to come in the Cathedral e-blasts and Sunday bulletin announcement section.

Diocesan youth ministry is also prepping for the summer. We are celebrating 100 years of Camp Cross, our fantastic youth camp on Lake CDA, this summer! So many of us already have fun and sacred memories of this space and there is a strong team of folks from around the diocese who are preparing facilities and sessions for all ages. If you have school age children check out the sessions here in The Chimes and sign-up! If you need financial assistance for your children or youth, reach out to Arlen. I will again be serving as staff chaplain, including a full week during staff orientation and check-in session to session with their needs and experience. Perhaps you are interested in volunteer roles. Get in touch with Youth and Family Ministry Canon, Sara Gunter, at SaraG@Spokanediocese.org.

Finally, our family ministry wants to give a shout-out to Cathedral Life Committee (especially Cindy Duncan!) and St. Nicholas Guild for their partnership in helping our congrega-

tion accompany families in forming faith, hope, and love. We are looking back on great memories from the special Mother's Day coffee hour with children preparing and serving! St. Nicholas Guild also made a gift of \$5,000 to family ministry in support of faith formation/education and worship hospitality. Soon we will have upgrades to our "pray-ground," new study bibles for children of all ages, worship activity bags for children, and interactive children's resources in every Cathedral pew. All of this helps us to grow-up together in Christ and sends a wonderful message of hospitality to families who are checking out our community for the first time. Thank you, St. Nicholas Guild! Interested in being part of purchasing items and refreshing these spaces? Reach out to me at arlenf@stjohns-cathedral.org.

Let's take the opportunity afforded by the change of seasons and schedules to be intentional in our own homes and households with Loving God and loving each other.

Cathedral Life

From Karen Byrne

Spring has gloriously sprung in Spokane, and can Summer be far behind? We look forward to what comes with each season. The Cathedral activities slow and our committee is taking a break from formal coffee hours. But refreshment and social times will not go away! There will always be coffee and punch after 10:30 service, thanks to Rick, our Sunday worker. St. Monica's Guild has offered to bake some cookies for the freezer. *Continued on pg. 3*

Music Notes

By Andrea Olsen

It's hard to believe that another program year is wrapping up and as is often the case when things end there is an inevitable bittersweetness involved.

We are sad to say farewell to organist Mark Haberman who has become very dear to us both as a colleague and as a friend. I know you join me in my gratefulness for not only his skill (and flexibility!) to shift between organ and piano bench but also for his calm and reverent leadership 'off the bench'. The Cathedral Music Ministry will miss him and wishes him all the best as he finds himself closer to home playing organ at Trinity Lutheran in Coeur d'Alene.

The Music Ministry also bids farewell to soprano choral scholar, Dr. Amy Porter. Amy has accepted a full-time, tenure-track position at Arkansas Tech University. We are so thankful for the years of service and leadership Amy has given the Cathedral Music Ministry and we wish her the best in this new (and well deserved!) chapter of her life.

Finally, we wish Cathedral Ringers director and Tenor Choral Scholar, Eric Betz, Congratulations and Good Luck as he enters his Master's Program in Choral Conducting this Fall at Northern Arizona University. We are so proud of Eric and the work he has done with our Handbell Choir and as choral scholar. We know he will thrive in this program and wish him much success as he pursues his career goals.

I hope you will take a moment to say Thank You to each of these fantastic people when you see them next. As Director of Music Ministry, I cannot thank them enough for their support, flexibility, time, and commitment to the Music Ministry team. It has been my absolute joy and honor to work with them.

Moving into the Summer months our Cathedral Ensembles will be on break. Between the choral scholars and I, we will continue to lead hymns and weekly anthems as we enjoy the gifts that summer brings us. One of these 'gifts' may well be the removal of the organ for its pending repairs as well as the start of our Carillon upgrade project. Both projects are fully funded and paid for by the gracious financial gift of Martha True, and even though they may affect our 'traditional' expectations of music during our services, I hope you'll join me in being flexible as to when these exciting (and much needed!) improvements are made.

Hosanna in the Highest!

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please contact the office, to sign-up. How about celebrating someone's birthday or anniversary with hosting? However it happens, sustenance and good conversation will be available each Sunday.

A thank you goes out to St. Nicolas Guild and the Sunday School for the lovely Mother's Day Tea. Deb Coleman and Greer Bacon of the St. Nicholas Guild trained the Sunday School kids on pouring and ladling punch. Cindy Duncan helped the scholars plan and make the food, and we all had a great day! My Mother's Day rose is still in a prominent place in my house and my heart!

As our program year winds down, I want to express our hearty thanks to all of the groups and individuals who have done so much to extend St. John's special brand of hospitality.

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye

By Katie Fulkerson

Many of you don't know that *The Sound of Music* is one of my all-time favorite movies. While I have been trying to come up with the words to explain that I am moving and therefore leaving St. John's Cathedral, this song keeps popping into my head. I have had such an amazing experience working here and that is thanks to the incredible staff and all of you. This was my first job after being a stay-at-home mom for 7 years. This was quite literally the perfect job to step back into the working world. You have all been gracious when I have made mistakes and make sure to let me know that you appreciate me (seemingly on days when I truly need it most). Last year my husband was deployed for roughly 7 months and I sincerely thank everyone who helped me through that time as a "single mom". Usually with a kind word or a quick chat.

My background is as a Catholic, so there was, and still is, a learning curve, but you are all willing to explain the differences with kindness and humor. I have a whole new respect for what all goes into running a church, and cannot be more thankful for all of the volunteers that help keep this place going.

My last day will be June 29th, my husband is retiring from the Air Force after 24.5 years. We will be packing up one more time and heading to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he has accepted a job and I will hopefully accept one soon. As a military family, we have gotten to explore the US and while neither of us are from Kentucky, that is where we feel most at home. It is a good place for our roots to finally grow.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Mother's Day festive coffee hour

Members of the St. Nicholas Guild and the Sunday School worked together to host a festive coffee hour on Mother's Day. Sunday School children learned about the special tea sets that the Cathedral has, as well as how one serves tea, coffee, and punch at a festive yet formal gathering. Thanks to all who supported this intergenerational sharing and special coffee hour. Photo credit: Cindy Duncan



Staffing Changes at the Cathedral – A note from the Dean

In this Pentecost edition of the Chimes, you have read about a variety of staff departures at the Cathedral. As a rector I once served with would say, from time to time in the life of a congregation we have to say goodbye to those who have served along the way. With the music ministry, I am grateful for the gifts shared by Eric Betz, Amy Porter, and Mark Haberman. With the youth and families, I am grateful to Elaine Patrick for her years as regional youth minister and we bid her Godspeed as she continues at seminary. I am grateful for the warm welcome that Katie Fulkerson has given to those who come to visit the Cathedral and those who call.

Andrea Olsen, as the director of music ministry, will search for new soprano and tenor choral scholars, as well as another interim organist/pianist. The clergy and Family Ministries Committee are considering next steps for the youth ministry.

I am excited to announce that Amanda Glover has been hired as cathedral administrator (formerly called secretary). Amanda will be a full-time employee and will continue to be the first face and voice to offer a warm welcome to the Cathedral Mondays through Fridays. With both Cathedral support staff positions in transition at the same time, and in consultation with current and former senior wardens, there has been a modest reorganization of areas of responsibility. The bookkeeper position has been posted and I look forward to announcing the new hire. As always, please be in touch if you have questions or concerns.

Honoring Rosie Banta, Finance Secretary

Dear Cathedral Family,

It is with gratitude for thirty-three (33) years of work at and service to St. John's Cathedral that I write to let you know of the upcoming retirement of Rosie Banta as the Cathedral's financial secretary. Here is some of what Rosie wrote in her letter of resignation:

I answered a blind ad for a bookkeeper and it turned out to be for the Cathedral. I was hired by Canon Mart Craft and started working at the Cathedral on July 3, 1990. I feel fortunate to have been hired and grateful to have remained an employee. I have watched as three Bishops were installed and have worked for four Deans in addition to Interim Dean Mart Craft.

I have made many new friends over the years and will miss the day to day contact with them. When I started bringing my dog, Dobby, to work with me, he was a people magnet. Parishioners, old and young, would drop by just to see Dobby and I think he made more friends than I did...

When I started working at the Cathedral, everything financial was recorded by hand in ledgers. The Cathedral secretary had a word processor but that was it. And the "database" consisted of cards in file drawers. Now everything is done on the computer. Thanks to retired Dean Coombs and parishioner Dr. Jon Holloway, they convinced Dean Buenz that the Cathedral needed to move into the 20th century technologically. Dean Coombs persuaded Dean Buenz to allow me to go to Las Vegas for a computer convention one year and Jon Holloway donated one of his computers (which used DOS) and a dot matrix printer in the Finance office. Then we were off and running with some technology.

Wages were lean but benefits were numerous. My girls were in junior and senior high school when I started working at the Cathedral but I was able to take time off to go to all of their school functions, extra curricular activities, and any other important event in their lives. Today I have grandkids in high school, college, and in the workforce.

I have a new "to do" list of things for retirement. Surprisingly, not all of them are dog related and I am excited for this new chapter in my life. The Cathedral has been my second home. Fortunately I know where the Cathedral is and I know I can drop in any time.

Rosie has been the person on staff that I have turned to for the deep memory of the Cathedral, as she knows not only the ins and outs of the financials but also of the generation who have died. I am amazed at the longevity of her time on staff and humbled by her love for this place and its people. She has been our finance secretary, but also so much more. Parishioners and community members talk with her about their loved ones internments and coordinate with her the generosity that sometimes defines their lives. We will miss her humility, candor, reliability, empathy, responsiveness, and trust worthiness. The office will also miss visits with Rosie's dogs and her delight in our dogs as well.

It is the tradition of the Cathedral to offer thanks to departing staff with a collection for a monetary gift. If you would like to contribute toward a farewell gift for Rosie, **please make a check payable to St. John's Cathedral with Rosie Banta on the memo line.** If you mail a check, please write "attn: Judy Beane" on the envelope. Alternatively, you may use the Give page at www.stjohns-cathedral.org and put Rosie Banta in the "other" line. **Remember that these gifts are not tax deductible** as they are intended for a specific person. Please send your contribution by July 1.

In Christ's Peace,
Dean Heather

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
				1 7p Choir	2 10a Knitters 6p Al Anon	3
4 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 3pm St. John's Music Series 5p Worship	5	6 10a Staff 5:30p Contemplative Group 6p MA	7 11a Bible Study Noon Holy Eucharist 630p Al Anon	8 5p Property 7p Choir	9 10a Knitters 6p Al Anon	10
11 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 5p Worship	12 4p Service League	13 10a Staff 4:30p Connoisseur Concerts 4:30p Finance 6p MA	14 11a Bible Study Noon Holy Eucharist 630p Al Anon	15	16 10a Knitters 6p Al Anon	17
18 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 5p Worship	19	20 10a Staff 11:30a St. Nicholas' Guild 5:30p Contemplative Group 6p Chapter 6p MA	21 11a Bible Study Noon Holy Eucharist 630p Al Anon	22	23 10a Knitters 6p Al Anon	24
25 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 5p Worship	26	27 10a Staff 6p MA	28 11a Bible Study Noon Holy Eucharist 630p Al Anon	29	30 10a Knitters 6p Al Anon	July 1



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8a Worship 10:30a Worship Noon Carillon Concert 3p Culberson Wedding 5p Worship	3	4 Cathedral closed in observance of Independence Day 6p MA	5 11a Bible Study noon Holy Eucharist 630p Al Anon	6	7 10a Knitters 6p Al Anon	8 1p Sam Buzby funeral
9 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 5p Worship	10	11 10a Staff 4:30p Connoisseur Concerts 4:30p Finance 6p MA	12 11a Bible Study noon Holy Eucharist 630p Al Anon	13 5p Property	14 10a Knitters 3p Joyce Castillo funeral 6p Al Anon	15
16 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 5p Worship	17	18 10a Staff 5:30p Contemplative Group 6:30p Chapter 6p MA	19 11a Bible Study noon Holy Eucharist 630p Al Anon	20	21 10a Knitters 6p Al Anon	22
23 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 5p Worship	24	25	26	27	28 10a Knitters 6p Al Anon	29

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist **NOON**

A Festive Carillon Concert

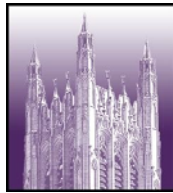
Wesley Arai, Guest Carillonneur

Sunday, July 2nd

Fun for the whole family!
Enjoy this FREE concert picnic-style from
The Cathedral Grounds at 127 E. 12th Ave.

Sponsored by the Cathedral Music Ministry as part of the St. John's Music Series

The Cathedral of St John the Evangelist
127 East 12th Avenue
Spokane, WA 99202-1199
P: 509-838-4277
stjohns@stjohns-cathedral.org
www.stjohns-cathedral.org



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Cathedral Chimes (USPS 093340)
is published monthly Sept. thru June
by Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
127 E 12th Ave
Spokane, WA 99202-1199
Periodical Postage
Paid at Spokane, WA

Address Service Requested

*Our Mission: To be a Christian community that invites people into a life where
through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

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
(on the Labyrinth)

Wednesday

Noon Holy Eucharist Rite II
(North Transept)

Windfall

The Windfall is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with regular hours: Thursday and Friday 12:30pm-5:30pm, and Saturday noon-5pm. Come visit us at 1024 S. Perry. Donations are currently being accepted at the store during business hours.

Save trees and reduce costs—
subscribe to the emailed *Chimes*:
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

The deadline for the Midsummer
Chimes is **Monday, July 17.**
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Date Reminders

July 2 - Carillon Concert
July 4 - Offices closed in
observance of Independence Day



Moving? New phone number?
Let the office know:
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org