

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

You're Invited!

Celebration of the ministry of Bill Ellis

*Dean of St. John's Cathedral:
September 2006—June 2017*

Ordained a deacon: June 29, 1982

Ordained a priest: May 25, 1983

Sunday, June 25

Following the 10:30am worship service

Brief program & light luncheon in the Great Hall

*Join us in expressing appreciation and bidding
farewell to Bill and Beth as they leave Spokane
and move to Bend, Oregon*

A Creative Compelling Witness: Evangelism Training for Episcopalians

What: Evangelism Training Workshop

When: Sat, June 10, 10am-2pm

Where: St. John's Great Hall

Who: Any and all who are interested in learning more about evangelism, including techniques, conversation tools, and more!

Why: If we are to be "the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement" then we need to know how to share that message with all we encounter!

Cost: \$0 aka FREE!—Lunch will be provided

RSVP: Please RSVP by June 5 to Fr. Nic at nmather@stjohns-cathedral.org

St. John's Cathedral at the Ballpark!

What: A night of Spokane Indians baseball fun for the whole family!

When: Friday, July 7 at 6:30pm

Where: Avista Stadium

Why: Providing an opportunity for you and your family to enjoy fun and fellowship with the larger St. John's family!

Cost for Tickets: \$0 aka FREE!

****ALSO:** This is a \$1 Family Feast Night **

RSVP: Please RSVP by June 26 to Fr. Nic at nmather@stjohns-cathedral.org

From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Bill Ellis

The Feast of Pentecost has long been identified as “The birthday of the Church.” God transformed a small group of disorganized people into an assertive and confident community empowered to go out into the world with the message that in and through Jesus God’s compassion, love, and acceptance was now seen to include everyone, including those who had arranged his crucifixion. That was about two thousand years ago, and the Church still presents the message of God’s love throughout the world. During that time millions of people have been called to leadership in the church. A few of them are remembered to this day, but most are not. Their only legacy is the many communities persisting in witness in the name of Jesus who inspires them all, through the power of the Spirit which sustains them all.

Good news in that; it means no one is indispensable, not Peter, not Julian of Norwich, not Francis of Assisi, not Teresa of Calcutta, and not any of the long forgotten people who, as George Eliot wrote in *Middlemarch*, “lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.” To me personally this means I can retire knowing that St. John’s is in the very best hands not because I have done a good job – I have done some things well and some things poorly – nor because the leaders who will see you through the interim will perform their duties perfectly – like me, they too will make mistakes – and not because you will find the ideal person for your next Dean – maybe, maybe not. I am confident because God, the only One who is

indispensable to the mission of this Cathedral, was here long before I got here, and will be here long after all of us are gone.

This doesn’t mean I don’t believe leadership matters; in thirty-five years of ordained ministry I have discovered leadership matters, and it matters a lot. Rather, it is because I believe that God, and the faith of the community in God, matter a great deal more. During the interim you will be put to a great many tasks designed to help you find the best Dean for St. John’s. Some will be enlightening, and you will generally agree they are essential to this work. Some will be annoying, and some downright irritating and feel totally pointless. In other words, you all will experience the same range of responses to what is going on during the interim as you have during my eleven years here. Remember that. You are no less or more a community of faith because you are between deans than you are with a Dean. You are no less or more embraced in God’s love, you are no less or more called to proclaim the Gospel both in word and deed, and you are no less or more commanded by Jesus to love one another as Christ loves us. Yes, things will change, but what truly matters, the expression of the faith of this community in God, need not change one little bit.

I will miss Spokane, I will miss this beautiful Cathedral, but most of all I will miss you all terribly. You have been crucial to my development not just as a priest, or even as a Christian, but as a human being. Thank you for this time you have shared with Beth and me, and thank you for being who you have been, and who you will continue to be in the years ahead.

Welcome!

By Bill Ellis

We are delighted to announce that Lucas Kulhanek-Arenas has agreed to become our Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries, starting July 1.

Lucas, a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, grew up in Wenatchee where he was an active member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. For the past three years, Lucas has been Youth Minister at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Spokane, serving as a youth and children’s formation coordinator. He has also served as Assistant Director at Camp Cross for three years. Lucas has been a leader in organizations focusing on social justice and inclusion. He and Gabriel Kulhanek-Arenas have been married for two years.

We are pleased Lucas has agreed to join the staff at St. John’s Cathedral.

Passages

Memorial Service, May 20: *Beth Ann Neal Docwra, 6/14/1935-5/2/2017*

Rest in Peace: *George Frederick Richardson, 12/29/1924-4/22/2017*

Marriage, May 21: *Rebecca Collier and Stephen Baxter*

Blessing of a Civil Marriage, May 27: *Audra Krislock and Zino Ebner*

Marriage, May 28: *Kimberly Suzanne Brennan and Robert Ellis Langford*

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

Music at the Cathedral

By Tim Westerhaus, Music Director

Since May 15, I have been journeying with the Gonzaga University Chamber Chorus on an intercultural exchange tour throughout Zambia and Zimbabwe. The connections with choirs in southern Africa have been rich and joyful, sharing music and learning from one another music of our unique traditions. From urban to rural settings, we have been greeted repeatedly by the phrase, "You are most welcome." We have felt our hosts' welcome through generosity of time, intentional presence, shared meals, and music.

One of the exchanges took place at Arundel Girls School, a secondary school affiliated with the Anglican Church and committed to educating young women. The choirs of Arundel embodied a spirit of welcome through their patient teaching of "Kare kare, Africa," a traditional Shona song. They ended our day together by singing a blessing by John Rutter, "The Lord bless and keep you." The inclusion of Shona and Western music side-by-side symbolized the value the students and faculty of Arundel place on diverse traditions in sacred music. As we look to the future of St. John's Cathedral, how can we remain grounded in our traditions while also welcoming and honoring the prayer and music of those in our local and global communities?

June marks the final Sundays for the choir before our summer recess. On **June 4**, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with Bishop Gretchen Rehberg presiding. Trumpets and timpani add to the resplendence of the liturgy as we celebrate the outpouring of the Ho-

ly Spirit. The Cathedral Choir sings Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, which he composed when just 12 years old. Paired with this jubilant music is Felix Mendelssohn's *Verleih uns Frieden*, echoing the scriptural "Grant us your peace."

Trinity Sunday falls on **June 11**, and an anthem by Joseph Haydn marks the fulfillment of God's creation with the text, "Fulfilled at last the glorious work." This excerpt from Haydn's *The Creation* is particularly fitting not only for its scriptural connection but also for its recognition of God's active hand in all nature; its implications for our care of creation are particularly relevant today. The choir sings "Draw us in the Spirit's tether" at Communion, calling our intentional reflection to God's presence among us when two or three are gathered.

The choir returns on **June 25** as we mark Dean Bill Ellis's last Sunday. We thank him not only for his leadership as Dean at St. John's Cathedral; we celebrate his life of ministry in the Episcopal Church. In addition to many of the Dean's favorite hymns, the Cathedral Choir sings William Walton's *Set me as a seal upon your heart* and Randall Thompson's *Alleluia* as songs of blessing as Bill and Beth begin this new chapter. On behalf of the Cathedral music program, I wish to extend gratitude for the Dean's care and support for music at the Cathedral. Bill, your unwavering support and your joy in music have sustained vibrant sacred music that enriches our worship, fosters prayer, and touches minds and hearts. You have left an indelible mark on our lives, and we are most grateful.

Soli Deo gloria.

Beautiful Sounds! A Concert of Handbell Music

Please mark your calendars! The Ivey Ringers of First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, directed by Trevor Cook will present a concert of handbell music in our sanctuary on **Thursday, June 22**, at 7pm.

The Ivey Ringers play a wide range of repertoire from sacred music to transcriptions of classical masterpieces, to jazz and pop.

Please plan to be with us for this memorable program. Freewill offering.

Carillon Concert

We are delighted once again to have Californian Wesley Arai as our guest carillonneur for the annual Fourth of July recital. He



will present a variety of carillon favorites: patriotic music, American tunes, and

virtuoso pieces designed to display the beauty of the bells. **The concert begins at 9pm, preceding the city fireworks display.**

Bring folding chairs, a blanket, snacks, and enjoy this exciting evening. Come, bring friends, and enjoy this spectacular free concert!

Have you considered including the Cathedral in your will?

The Cathedral and offices will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day.

Children and Youth

By Michelle Klippert
Children & Youth Coordinator

Summer Schedule

Nursery Care provided during the Sunday 10:30am service

A Thank You from Michelle Klippert

Sometimes, actually most of the time, it is very difficult for me to express those feelings I have, which come from the deepest channels within my heart. This was certainly the case on May 21st when our community gathered to give a party in recognition of the years I have spent working in Children's and Youth ministry. I was very touched by the many people who attended the party as well as those whom wrote cards to me. Unfortunately, it was such a busy day, I never had the opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate the support and kindness I have received over the years from this congregation and the Diocese.

Being able to work with the children, youth, and families here at the Cathedral has been one of the greatest privileges in my life. I have been blessed by getting to know many of you, learning what you believe in and hearing about your journey of faith with God. Watching your children grow and mature in their spirituality has been an incredible honor. I especially enjoy when the youth understand a new aspect of a biblical story or theological concept that they find personally meaningful.

At that moment, God's light within them shines brighter as they learn about God in a way that was previously unknown to them.

Three and half years ago, when my husband died, this community helped my children and I to feel supported and loved. We were showered with care by many of you. My children have shared with me that the outpouring from this congregation showed them God's love working through others. It was the first time they understood why being a part of the Church is so very important.

I look forward seeing you when we worship together in the future. The changes coming to the Cathedral community with a new Children's and Youth Ministries Coordinator and a Dean's search are exciting and important! New growth within the community will help the congregation to stretch and grow as individuals and as a whole. In the words of Julian of Norwich, with God at the center of these changes, all will be well, all will be well, and all will be well!

Godric • Summer Reading and Picnic

What: A gathering of readers and people eager for conversation, discussing the novel *Godric* by Frederick Buechner

When: Monday, June 26 at 6pm (first half of book) and Monday, July 24 at 6pm (second half of book)

Where: Grass Field on the south side of 12th Avenue (across from the Cathedral, next to the White House)

Who: Any who would like to participate!

Why: A chance to enjoy something different for reading this summer, explore the life of a medieval saint in a novel that was short-listed for the Pulitzer Prize. Join with other readers twice during the summer for a picnic dinner and conversation about the book.

Cost: Free!

RSVP: Please RSVP by June 8th to Fr. Nic at nmather@stjohns-cathedral.org



Camp Cross Day

Come and celebrate the beginning of the Camp Cross season as we observe CAMP CROSS DAY on **Sunday, June 18!**

Wear your favorite camp shirt, get help in registering for a session (youth, adult, or family!)! Get more information about the work and ministry that is Camp Cross!

Sign up for CAMP!!

This summer enjoy the beauty of Camp Cross while filling up your spiritual cup during fabulous worship, morning programs, games, and fellowship with a great community. Camp sessions are available for everyone to enjoy.

For more information, and to sign up for camp, please go to: www.campcross.org

Stewardship Committee Seeks New Members

Libby Pugel, Chair

For many parishioners, *stewardship* may mean receiving an annual fall letter and making a pledge commitment. That is a very important element of Stewardship but just one component. Stewardship also is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the unique gifts we receive from God. It involves far more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing your time and talents and volunteering for our ministries in pursuit of our Cathedral's mission and in thanksgiving to God. This is consistent with a definition of *Stewardship* that I found on an Episcopal News website: "Using the gifts God has given us to do the work He is calling us to do."

Stewardship is a year-round ministry—not just a fall fundraising campaign. Our Stewardship Committee is seeking some new members to donate their time and talents to help us achieve our financial, outreach, hospitality, educational and participation goals. We welcome people of all ages, from teenagers to octogenarians. There are very few requirements:

- Are you willing to meet once a month for 60 minutes?
- Are you willing to serve a one-year term?
- Are you willing to present creative ideas for fundraising and encouraging participation in other Cathedral ministries?
- Are you willing to help with mailings, call parishioners and send handwritten thank-you notes to donors?
- Do you have computer graphic skills? (a plus, but not necessary)
- Are you willing to pray and learn more about the meaning of stewardship? →

To Call A Dean

This is how it all begins. There are terms and procedures parallel to the processes used by executive headhunters, but, while many elements are similar, our process has another dimension: we work under the presence of God through the Holy Spirit. The visible questions of Who we are, What do we want to become and What do we offer to a new Dean are surrounded by the invisible: What does God intend for *each* of us and *all* of us as we form the community of St John's Cathedral?

At this first, critically important stage, we create a profile of the Cathedral that answers those questions. Here are the steps.

THE PROFILE: Symposium

On Sunday, June 11, following the 10:30am service, everyone is invited to lunch in the Great Hall for a Symposium. We'll eat together, then explore the eight topics that form the core of our Profile.

- Preaching
 - Worship Style and Liturgy
 - Outreach and Community Involvement
 - Music
 - Children and Youth Programs
 - Adult Education and Spiritual Growth
 - Caring for the Cathedral Community
 - Welcome and Engagement Beyond Worship
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- Are you willing to have fun while serving on the Committee and sharing God's gifts to benefit the Cathedral and its mission?
- If you are interested in joining the Stewardship Committee or have any questions, please contact me via email libbypugel@aol.com or phone (413-2491) by June 22.

Everyone attending will select three topics from the group of eight—areas that are vital to *you* as you consider the future of the Cathedral. During each 20-minute segment, two questions will be asked: "Who are we?" and "What do we want to become?" We'll share perceptions and concerns—not to create solutions, but to *hear* each other. Those results will become part of the Profile and give us a fresh understandings and points of view that we don't have now.

Childcare will be provided as well as a tasty lunch. While everyone is welcome, having signed up or not, signing up will help us estimate how many to plan for. The Symposium sign up list is available in the Welcome Center.

CAT or The Church Assessment Tool:

Created by Holy Cow Consulting (holycowconsulting.com), CAT is a questionnaire—a survey instrument for strategic planning and getting a read on the overall health and vitality of our congregation. The questionnaire must be completed online and will take 15-20 minutes. We will also announce a session where folk who do not have online access may meet and complete their answers so that we'll have the broadest possible coverage. The dates for completing the CAT are May 28 to June 18. The access link will be provided.

Following the completion of CAT, these results, combined with the Symposium results and other data will be used to complete the Cathedral's Profile.

For Regular Information about the process and status of the Dean's Call, check our website: www.stjohns-cathedral.org.

From the Curate

By the Rev. Nic Mather

Take Advantage

As we enter into the summer season, there is a tendency to switch off of church for a while. Whether you are out at the lake, sleeping in on Sundays, heading out for a hike, or any of the other myriad of options that are offered in and around Spokane particularly during the summer months, it makes sense that church would get pushed down the priority list. And, **THAT'S PERFECTLY OK AND NORMAL, JESUS DOES NOT TAKE ATTENDANCE** (we do, but only because we have to). I want to stress this point: it is important to take care of ourselves, our souls and bodies, by nurturing and feeding them with sunshine, boat rides, mountain hikes to stunning views of God's great creation, and delicious brunch enjoyed on a patio, to name just a few ways.

But, it is still important to engage with church, to take advantage of the opportunities that this place uniquely offers during the summer months. Regularly attend the 10:30? Try coming to the 8 (or even Saturday at 5:30!) and still have the rest of your beautiful summer day before you. Weekends booked with vacations and various outings and meet ups? Come to the 10am Wednesday Eucharist, or attend one of the many events and programs we offer including: our baseball outing, the summer reading group, the summer movie night, yoga and concert to close the summer on August 27. Can't find the time to do any of these? Carve out space, even if it's on your lunch

hour, to stop by the Cathedral and walk the labyrinth, a beautiful practice that connects you back to the holy by forcing you to concentrate on one thing for the length of your journey in and back out.

It's important to take advantage of these opportunities because our spiritual souls are fed through fellowship and community. Our spiritual souls are fed when we share in community with those whom we commune with on Sundays. There is something different, separate, filling, that comes from experiencing and engaging with your church family in new ways, particularly when they are ways we enjoy with our "non" church family.

I challenge you to take advantage of the opportunities, events, programs, and other worship services we offer throughout the summer. I challenge you to see church in a new way, to experience a new part of this place, to come to see your summer including the church, rather than as a vacation from church. I look forward to welcoming you this summer!

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secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

The deadline for the July/August newsletter is **Monday, July 10**
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Photo Directory

Help the office publish a membership photo directory later this summer. E-mail a selfie jpg (at least 250x300 pixels or 10kb) to: stjohns@stjohns-cathedral.org

Observing Protocol

To the Wardens, Chapter, and Congregation of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist:

As you well know my retirement from active ministry in general, and of the Cathedral Cure in particular, will become effective June 30, 2017. All priestly, pastoral, and administrative duties in the congregation will be terminated at that date.

My last Sunday to officiate and preach will be June 25, 2017.

My personal vestments and other personal property will be removed from the Cathedral premises, including the Deanery, by July 15, 2017.

The items that I have used which belong to the Cathedral will remain with the Cathedral. Keys to all Cathedral property and all Cathedral and Parochial records will be returned to the Senior Warden by July 15, 2017.

Control of the Dean's Discretionary Fund will be transferred to the Senior Warden until such time as the Chapter engages an Interim Vicar.

I agree not to officiate or assist at any baptism, wedding, or funeral in this Parish except as may be noted in the Chapter Minutes at the signing of the Separation Letter or by the invitation or permission of the Bishop Diocesan of Spokane.

As I will be domiciled outside of the bounds of the Diocese of Spokane I expect to have no substantive contact with the Cathedral office or staff.

Signed this 11th day of May, 2017

The Very Rev. William R. Ellis,
Dean, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

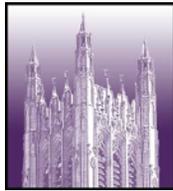
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>June</h1>				1 7p Choir	2 6p Al Anon 6:30p Potluck & Dance	3 5:30p Worship
				4 8a Worship 9:15a Adult Forum 10:30a Worship 12p Altar Guild <i>Pentecost</i>	5 4p Windfall	6 7a Brotherhood 9:15a Staff 5:30p Prayer 6p Scouts
11 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 12p Symposium 3p Chamber Concert	12 5:30p Service League 5:30p Youth Sym	13 9:15a Staff 12p Brotherhood 4:30p Finance 4:30p Conn Conn 5:30p Prayer 6p Scouts	14 10a Worship 6p Youth Group 6:30p Al Anon 2	15 7p Book Club	16 6p Mystery Dinner	17 9a Preaching Workshop 5:30p Worship
18 8a Worship 10:30a Worship	19 6p St Monica	20 7a Brotherhood 9:15a Staff 5:30p Prayer 6:30p Chapter	21 10a Worship 6:30p Al Anon 2	22 7p Handbell Concert	23 6p Al Anon	24 5:30p Worship
25 8a Worship 10:30a Worship 12p Dean Farewell	26 6p Book Group & Picnic	27 9:15a Staff 12p Brotherhood 5:30p Prayer	28 10a Worship 5:15p Comm Comm 6:30p Al Anon 2	29	30 6p Al Anon	1 5:30p Worship
2 <i>Family Promise</i> 8a Worship 10:30a Worship	3 <i>Family Promise</i>	4 <i>Family Promise</i> 9p Carillon Concert <i>Cathedral & Offices Closed</i>	5 <i>Family Promise</i> 10a Worship 6:30p Al Anon 2	6 <i>Family Promise</i>	7 <i>Family Promise</i> 6p Al Anon 6p Rehearsal 6:30p Cathedral at Spokane Indians Baseball	8 <i>Family Promise</i> 4p Wedding 5:30p Worship

St John's Java — Sunday • Tuesday & Wednesday, 9a-12p

Tours — Sunday • Friday (1st & 3rd & 5th) & Saturday (2nd & 4th), 11a-2p

The Windfall, 1024 S. Perry — Tuesday-Friday, 1p-6p • Saturday, 12p-5p

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through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

Bishop's Annual Visit

Bishop Gretchen Rehberg will preach and celebrate at the Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 8am and 10:30am services on **June 3-4**.

The 10:30am service will include the *Rite of Confirmation* and *Baptisms*.

Bishop Rehberg will also lead the Adult Forum at 9:15am on June 4.



Worship Services

Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Saturday

5:30pm Holy Eucharist Rite II