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ALIVE!

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Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are compelled to demonstrate compassion to one another and to the world in which we live.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I have no doubt many of you are aware that historically, the church has tended to highlight our callings to be stewards of the gifts God has given us. Often, the month of October and into November are employed to accentuate the life of stewardship in congregational life. Unfortunately, stewardship has often been associated with fundraising, which it is not. Rather, stewardship, a rich and meaningful biblical word has essentially to do with the whole life of the disciple of Christ. Indeed, in many ways we can equate stewardship with discipleship. The stewardship of life for the disciple involves gifts and abilities used for the sake of the kingdom of God. We employ our talents, our time, and yes, the money we possess for the sake of the upbuilding of the kingdom of God. This fall, we will be highlighting a text from the book of Colossians chapter 3. "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, meekness, and patience." We are fortunate that several members of the church have agreed to give personal testimony of their own life of stewardship,

focusing on the aforementioned theme. I want to thank each of them ahead of time for their courage and boldness in stepping forward.



So as we enter this season of stewardship we do so with the awareness of our life together and that finally all seasons in the church year are really stewardship seasons. Together we look forward to hearing from our fellow brothers and sisters leaning in to the promise of the Gospel and a call to be stewards of our God given gifts. A blessed fall.

-Pastor Vaswig



Be sure to check out our website at aslcauburn.com, or scan this QR code. Thank you, Val, for getting it up and running.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Soon you will be receiving the annual stewardship packet from All Saints,' and I invite you to start thinking about your promise to support God's work . First, turning in a pledge form helps our financial team put together a realistic budget for the coming year. 2027 will be challenging for us: a new building with expenses we haven't been paying for over a year (like garbage, janitorial, more utilities), not to mention a new pastor and his/her package. Next, I invite you to dig deep and think about what All Saints' and our ministries to the community and world mean to you when you fill out your form.

Mark and I have been members here for 38 years or so. We have faithfully tried to increase our pledge each year. That was easier in some years, like when I started working and when Boeing bonuses came. Some years were harder, like years with Boeing strikes, or higher activity expenses for our kids (especially attending PLU!). But we always managed at least a small increase each year. Our love of the people at All Saints', the support we have received through the years, and the life-long friends we have made here have kept us faithful in attendance. I love our outreach ministries of feeding the homeless, supporting moms and kids through Vine Maple Place, our Community Connections program helping some larger programs worldwide, singing at Hilltop, and seeing the joy in the faces of the kids at North Pole Station. I love the care and compassion we show to all who enter our doors. Now that we are retired and managed to save throughout →

our lives, I've learned of the Qualified Charitable Distribution available for my Required Minimums Distribution each year. It is a great way to increase our pledge to All Saints' and save on taxes from my RMD...a double win!! AND we are so excited about the future of All Saints,' given our vision of doing something big and beautiful with our property. Please join us in increasing your pledge to All Saints'.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

-Beth

All Saints' Day: A Special Celebration

All Saints' Day, November 1, 2026, will be a VERY special day at All Saints'. Please plan to attend worship, and then process into our NEW building for the rededication of our new space. Bishop Keith Marshall will be with us for the day. There will be food and festivities. Please invite your family to attend, too. We will have an event later for the community, firefighters and Belfor, our General Contractor. It's going to be a CELEBRATION!

Council Corner

COMFORTED TO COMFORT OTHERS

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." — 2 Corinthians 1:4

Lately, I have been feeling a deep, bone-weary exhaustion. How about you?

ENCOURAGEMENT IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS

I have two wonderful sisters in Christ who text me each morning with Bible verses or encouraging words. One is my actual sister, Margaret, who is 88 and lives in Whittier, California. The other is a sister I met at All Saints,' the sister in Christ who sends me funny messages and all the sports scores—you know who you are.

I love you all because you ease my weariness with moments of encouragement and reminders of God's presence, even amid this mess. Some days I feel weary →

about the world, our country, politics, or simply deciding what to make for dinner. That is when this verse speaks to me: God comforts us so that we can comfort others. It is a gentle reminder that it is not all about me.

COMFORT IN ACTION

Comfort comes in many shapes and sizes. Some of us pray—really pray—for things beyond our understanding. Others show up to...

- Water the flowers, trim the grounds, and pick up trash
- Turn off alarms and prepare the church for worship
- Make quilts and prayer shawls, visit others, and send cards
- Prepare more peanut butter and jelly sandwiches than we can count
- Help with Communion, provide altar flowers, and clean up for our ministry partners

Some of us sit and pray with church partners as they share the pain of losing five members to an ICE raid. I walk around the church, pray for the workers, and look for anthills. Yes, there are now four beauties. I enjoy that the workers wave and call me “the lady with the black dog,” and I am grateful that we also have a member who knows how to get rid of the ants.

TAKING HEART TOGETHER

Weariness also comes in many forms, both large and small. Our country is divided, and our neighbors are hurting. People are hungry. Some cannot access the care they need because they lack benefits. Mothers are working to learn, find jobs, and raise their children. Many people depend on us for food or a meal—and sometimes for new socks and underwear.

Take heart, fellow members of the Body of Christ at All Saints’. Even when we are weary, God has a plan for our future. We have dedicated people working on our behalf: calling a new pastor, searching for a musician, making sure the insurance money is spent wisely, monitoring construction—which I believe is still on schedule—and making each Sunday’s worship meaningful. Other members quietly ensure that all the “little things” happen.

Together, we continue to feed people experiencing homelessness, support children and mothers, nourish the hungry, and provide clothing. I am deeply grateful to be part of this work with you.

-Carol F.

Call Committee Update!

We are at the interview stage of the call process and are delighted to let you know that we interviewed a candidate at the end of September and will be interviewing our second candidate on October 5th. The next step will be a shorter 2nd interview, after which we will make our recommendation to the church council. The council will then review our information, meet the candidate, make their decision if the candidate meets our vision and mission, and bring a vote to the congregation. A lot of prayer and discernment are bringing us closer to calling a new pastor, so please keep praying for the call committee, the council, and the candidates as we move into these final steps.

Debi D.

Ministry of the ARTS:

PLEASE JOIN US on October 18, when we will be participating in the annual **Blessing of the Quilts** during the church service. These are the quilts made during the year by Margaret M., Clara K., Karen B., and Jan B., to send to Lutheran World Relief. The sanctuary will be alive with the colors and patterns of the 40 quilts. They will be distributed all over the world, and in recent years, included disaster areas in the USA. This is the 5th year that we will be sending quilts. Our production in 2026 is double what we have done in previous years.

We are thankful for the wonderful support we have received this year from The Thrivent Action Team Grant program, Good Neighbors Grant program, and generous donations of fabric from members of ASLC.

YARN: We have received a large donation of beautiful yarn: cotton, wool, blends; all colors. If you are a knitter or crocheter and would like some yarn, please see Karen B.

Part time Custodian Position available at All Saints' starting in November. Ask Lael for the details.

A Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the three Free Farmer's Markets held in July, August & September. Your time, energy, and support made each market possible. This journey has definitely come with a learning curve. Over the past few years, we have had to pivot, adapt, and try new approaches for a variety of reasons. Through it all, I'm proud to say we have continued to do our best to serve our community. Most importantly, this summer we were able to serve more than 170 families.

Your generosity and commitment truly make a difference.

Blessings to All ~ Sharon Seymour

FUN, FAITH, & FELLOWSHIP UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Oct 19, Monday, we will visit Northwest Trek.



Six new Dambo Trolls will be visiting both Point Defiance Zoo and NW Trek beginning Oct 15. We will check out the wildlife and trolls at NW Trek first! This is an accessible activity. We will ride a tram through the park.

Tickets are \$23 for seniors, please purchase online.

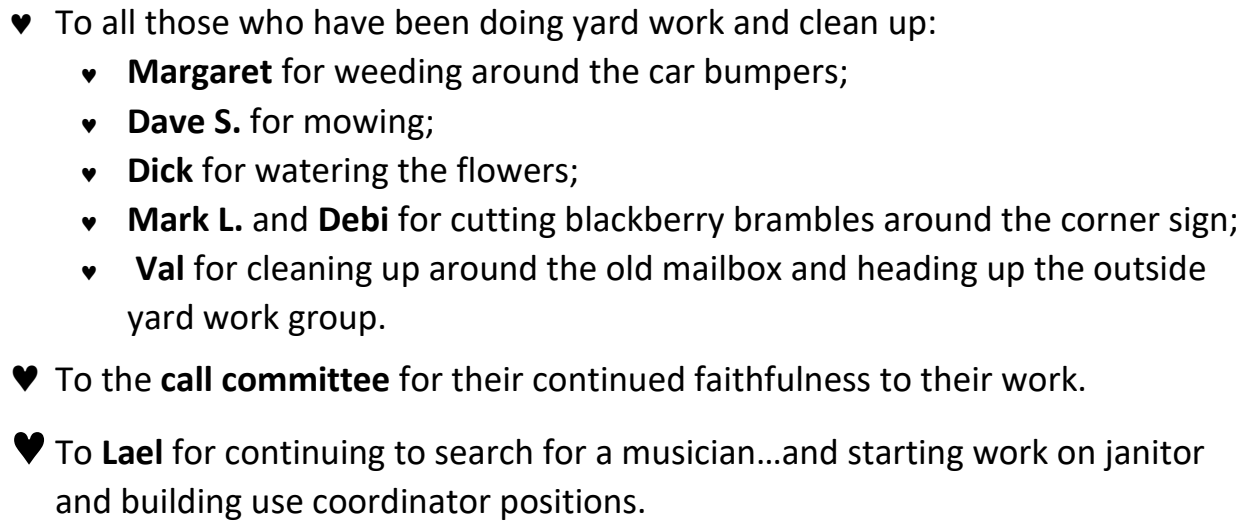
We will meet at the church to carpool at 10 am.

Afterwards we will stop for lunch.

Watch for more details as the date approaches.

September FFF event:

In August group of 8, traveled on the light rail, some for the first time!, to the Symphony Stop in downtown Seattle. We emerged to a sunny warm morning, arriving at the Maritime Building on Alaskan Way at precisely 10:59 am for our 11 am tickets! The EXQUISITE CREATURES exhibit by Christopher Morley, did not disappoint. It was truly amazing. See the pictures on the bulletin board in the narthex or on the exhibit's website. Lunch was eaten at Ivars Fish Bar and dessert at Molly Moon's ice cream shop...It was a day of firsts for many of us and a great outing overall!



Our 4th quarter (Oct.-Dec.) Community Connections Benevolence is the **Children's Community Christmas Event**. Stay tuned for details, and to find out how you can contribute.

Building Update

Progress on our new building may have felt slow, but things are now moving quickly. The walls are being painted, and electricians are installing light switches and outlets. Flooring, door jambs, and doors are next, followed by plumbing fixtures and kitchen equipment.

We remain on track to finish by November 1st, which is just around the corner.

-Dave Foltz

Vision Team Update

“Vision” the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom

A few months ago, the council formed a group of members to envision and thoughtfully plan for the future.

The group has met several times and is working with Joey Agar from the SW Synod to envision the future of ASLC’s land and mission.

One step is to explore potential uses for the property at Military Road and 272nd, including zoning requirements, land-use feasibility, and community needs. The light rail station just 150 yards away is an important factor in this research.

The group determined that the next step is to commission a feasibility study from an organization experienced in serving churches and nonprofit organizations.

We have identified an organization and will meet with its representatives to learn how they can assist us.

We will seek input from the congregation and continue working with the council. Please feel free to speak with or direct questions to any Vision Team member: Marty, Debi, Karen, Mark, Val, Beth, Debbie, Cheri, Dave, or Carol.

