

The Cross & the Sword

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Family

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Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

The Canaanite woman said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly. *Matthew 15: 27, 28*



In Matthew's Gospel we find the wonderful and challenging story of the Canaanite

woman with great faith. Her faith is great for many reasons. It is great because she will not be derailed from her quest. It is great because she is guided by a deep love for another, her daughter. It is great because she without hesitation calls Jesus Lord, and is willing to humble herself before Him (she physically kneels in front of him.) Finally, it is great because she is willing to take any nourishment she can get from her master, Jesus.

As summer ends and a new school year begins we quickly shift gears from wondering where the summer went to trying to do too much in the Fall. There always seems to be an excitement this time of year as new opportunities loom on the horizon. This is a wonderful time of year. The air becomes crisp and cool, the trees explode with color, the sound of High School bands, and of course the joy of football. If you are like me you

take time to take stock of where you are in life. Perhaps try something new to broaden your horizons. If you are also like me you find that your schedule quickly flies out of control. I often become overwhelmed at this time of year trying to do way more than any mortal can. Through our over programming we miss the gifts. Sometimes we neglect the things that really feed us.

The Canaanite woman was willing to take any nourishment she could from God. She knew her needs and was driven by a deep love, and in many ways a deep desperation. "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith!" During this wonderful time of year it is appropriate to reflect on this passage. For in this busy and wonderful time of year, let us not forget our faith life, our deep love for others, our willingness to be humble before God, and our deep desire for any nourishment God can give us. For a great faith life is not something we fit into our lives, it is rather, the realization of a deeper need. Our

faith is a gift to us and a wonderful journey to keep first and foremost in our lives. Dan+

We Want To Thank Rev. Kathy Thomas And Deacon Sandy For Filling In For Dan+ While On his Sabbatical the Month Of August.

Youth group London Pilgrimage complete.

During the last week of July, the youth group went on a pilgrimage to London and the original Saint Alban's in England. The trip was helped by a grant from the Center for Congregations. Matt Burke, the director of the Center for Northeast Indiana, helped kickoff our pilgrimage on the Sunday before we left with a special pilgrimage commissioning. The group also appreciated the prayer support of many in the church.

The group had been preparing for the pilgrimage for over a year. Pilgrimage classes were held every third Sunday of the month in the evening, and anyone could attend. The classes focused on learning the Church History of England and British culture. The two main pilgrimage sites were Westminster Abbey and the original Saint Alban's.

We visited Westminster Abbey the Thursday we were there. After a beautiful Holy Communion service held in the nave, the on-call priest, Reverend Giles, took us to the Shrine of Saint Edward the Confessor for a special prayer service. This is generally not something most people get to do. However, the people at the Abbey were wonderful. After this we received a special tour of the Abbey.

Our time at Saint Albans was equally blessed. David Skidmore of "The Friends of Saint Alban" set-up a blessed day for us. We came to worship on the Sunday we were there. Dean Jeffrey John was very gracious and invited Dan+ to preach. The Dean celebrated at the High Altar in a beautiful service. We also received a great tour giving us a tremendous look at the history, ending at the Shrine of Saint Alban.

Our pilgrimage had other foci as well. We visited The Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, a bus tour of the city, a river boat cruise, platform 9 ¾, and a visit to the British Museum. In addition many in our group went to Stonehenge, Kensington Palace, Abbey Road, and a tour of the M&M factory. We also had fun in the evenings riding the London Eye, Going to the Hard Rock Cafe, seeing a hilarious play called "The Play that Goes Wrong," and a funny ghost bus tour on Saturday evening.

The people of London and Saint Albans were absolutely wonderful and extremely helpful. We ran into many London "angels" who helped our experience be a special one not soon forgotten. Pilgrimage is about seeing how God transforms us on a very special journey. God certainly touched the lives of many on our London Pilgrimage.

To see photos of the experience visit the Saint Albans youth group Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/Saint-Albans-Youth-Group-123906497747/>



SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th.

All youth in grades kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome to attend class each week.

Sunday school classes will be held in 2 classrooms divided by age groups. Kindergarten-4th grade will be held in the Atrium and 5th-8th grade will be held in the classroom across from the office next to the youth group room. The first Sunday of each month, chapel will be held in lieu of classroom time. All Sunday school students will attend chapel. Chapel is located in the Atrium.

Those attending class should meet in the Narthex each Sunday by 10:10 am and youth will proceed in with the beginning procession of the service, return to the Narthax, and then continue on to Sunday school.

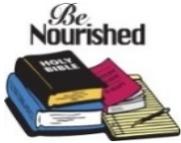
If there are any question, please text or call Megan Spice-Frede at 515-1888.



YOUTH GROUP will begin on September 9 and be held every 2nd Sunday after church at noon with lunch provided, and every 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The group is open to all youth between 6 and 12 grades. We are

very excited about our upcoming events and are looking forward to welcoming several new faces this year. If you have any questions about our group or any activities that we have planned please see Cindy Spice or Father Dan.

Monthly Activities



Wednesday Bible group meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. The study is always grounded in the Bible. We begin with Morning Prayer. Anyone can join at any time and it is very easy to jump in to any of our studies. **Holy Eucharist will follow at noon.**

A Men's Bible Study, which looks at the lessons for the following Sunday, meets at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturdays.**



Men's night out will be on September 6, 2018 at 6:30. It will be at Shigs In Pit at 6250 Maplecrest Road. The sign up list is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Daughters of the King gather at **9:30 a.m.** on **Tuesday, September 18**, for Holy Eucharist with our monthly meeting to follow in the Parish Hall. We welcome any woman to attend who would like to find out what we are all about. Coffee and treats will be available. Please come and join us.



Study and Fellowship Group meets at **7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, September 20** at the home of Jac Rademaker. For more information please contact Julie Zieder.

The Lunch Bunch meets on Tuesday, **September 11**, at **The Magic Wand**, 602 S. Main Street, Churubusco, at **1:00 PM**. Please sign the poster in the narthex and indicate whether you wish to have a ride and carpool from the church or will go directly. If you have any



questions or need to cancel, please see Anita at church or call her at 449-9682.
Hope to see you there!

USHERS MEETING – September 9th at 9:15 A.M.

Responsibilities of the ushers include greeting, handing out service leaflets, putting up the flags, ringing the bell, taking up the offering, and tidying up the pews after the service. New ushers are always welcome. All ushers are asked to attend this annual meeting.



ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS meet on Saturday, September 22, at 10:00 a.m. for fall cleaning. All members of the guild are asked to be present. New members are always welcome.

VESTRY CARE CONNECTION COMMISSION



Stay Connected

Visit our website at www.saintalbanfw.org and find us on Facebook at Saint Alban's Episcopal Church and at Saint Alban's Youth Group for updates, news, photos, information about events and services, and more. Posted on the Youth Group's Facebook page are photos of their recent pilgrimage to London.

MUSIC



ADULT CHOIR Rehearsals Begin September 5

Please prayerfully consider joining us as we begin a new season at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5. Everyone welcome!

JUNIOR CHOIR Rehearsals Begin September 2

Students in grade 2 and up are welcome to join the new junior choir, which will rehearse in the choir room every Sunday, beginning September 2, from approximately 11:30 to noon. Plan now to add these rehearsals to your calendar.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please join your St. Alban's friends for our annual family wiener roast and chili cook-off at 5:30 p.m. on September 15 at the home of Marilyn Rafter.

Please bring your favorite chili recipe if you wish to enter into the contest for the favorite chili. There will be a prize for the winner.

This is a fun time for the whole family, so please join us! Sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan food.

Vestry Stewardship

Operating Fund

Operating income July	\$10,377.32	Operating income for 2018	\$84,128.80
Operating expense July	13,466.55	Operating expense for 2018	\$96,059.32
		Transfer for 2017	3,750.00
Net loss for July	(\$ 3,089.23)	Net loss for 2017	(\$ 8,180.52)

Vestry Highlights

At the meeting of the Vestry on August 21:

It was noted:

that we are having water problems in the nursery. Water is coming in through the window. Process has been made in cleaning up and drying out the carpet.

that Marilyn Rafter has offered her home for a wiener roast, which is scheduled on September 15. More information to follow.

Food Bank



In July we served 14 families, 49 individuals and 735 Meals.

Deadline for the October newsletter is Thursday, September 20.

Remember our web site

web site: <http://www.saintalbanfw.org>

Twitter : @StAlbanFW & @DanLayden

Like us on Facebook

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Larry Hade
5 Andrew Stath
10 Sam Naunas
10 Jaelyn Pontius
11 Dana White
14 Cheryl Parker
17 Abbie Gillig



19 Carolyn Townsend
19 Paul Wiseheart
22 Audrey McLimans
24 Mary Brooks
26 Lydia Layden
29 Cindy Spice
30 Dick Ritchie

and Anniversaries



6 Jordan Trendelman and Christina Connelly
10 Chris & Melissa Renner
10 Rick & Jane Spice
13 Glen & Carolyn Grate
24 Phillip & Joyce Mayer
26 John & Julie Naunas
28 Gary & Laura Michael

*If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed,
please notify Debbie at 485-8022, so that we may add your date to our records.*

Paul Barker
Ray & Peggy Brandes
Dick Camp
John Diver, Sr.
Rachel Diver
Dick Donnelly
Jacob Fazzaro
Denise Frede
Tammy Gillig
Glen and Carolyn Grate
Shirley Johnson



Mary Lansford
Alicia McLimans
Larry Sanxter
Larry Shaw
Cindy Spice
Rick Spice
Les & Pat Stath
AltaLee Stellhorn
Bill & Carolyn Townsend
Carlen Trujill

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday School (Sept-May)

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 noon Holy Eucharist

Vestry

Cindy Spice	Senior Warden
John Lorenzen	Junior Warden
Norm Grams	Property
Tammy Gillig	Fellowship
Pat Stath	Worship
Josh Miller	Finance
Jordan Trendelman	Membership
	Stewardship
Phil Mayer	Outreach
Megan Spice-Frede	Christian Formation
Judy Wall	Care Connection
Christina Connelly	Communication Director

Church Staff

Rector	The Rev. Daniel K. Layden
Office Administrator	Debbie Grosjean
Organist	Michelle Kyrrou

Office Hours

9:00 - 1:00
Monday through Friday

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