



The Cross & the Sword

The monthly newsletter of Saint Alban's Parish
Family

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Set up road signs;
put up guideposts.
Take note of the highway,
the road that you take.
Jeremiah 31:21



I would like to shine the spotlight for the month on Robbie Frede. As you all know we recently purchased equipment so we would be able to stream live services from our Sanctuary. Robbie spent countless hours at the church after work and on the weekends installing all that equipment as well as putting up access points enabling

us to have access to the internet throughout the building. This was not an easy task since our building is made up of cement ceilings and cinderblock walls. This type of installation could have cost us a few thousand dollars, we are extremely fortunate to have such a talent in Robbie. This just goes to show that God provides exactly what we need when we need it.

Now that the equipment is all installed, we are working towards a date to begin streaming services from the Sanctuary. Robbie has offered to control the equipment for our services once this begins. He would like to teach a few others to work the equipment for any Sunday's that he cannot be there. If you have any interest in helping with our live streams, please reach out to me or Jordan so that we can arrange for you to be trained.

Again, big shout out of thanks to Robbie for all his hard work and dedication to Saint Alban's.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Cindy Spice
Senior Warden

STEWARDSHIP

We had more than \$7,000 in donations for July which keeps us right on track for 2020! Our future has changed so much in the last month with Grace unilaterally pulling out of our collaboration. That grants us some freedom in who we hire as a priest to guide us into the future however it puts some significant pressure on us to go it alone. We are a great community and we can make this happen with God's help and our commitment to St. Alban's. Now it is of the utmost importance for you to continue to mail in your donations or sign-up for tithe.ly. Keep in mind we are still doing great overall because our expenses are being managed exceptionally well. The church is still being kept up and we continue to pay upkeep costs for maintenance and lawn care. We are grateful for Kenny White painting the garage and keeping up the building and we are especially grateful to Robbie Frede for installing internet and video equipment so we can reach out to the city and the world.
David Birchfield, Stewardship

IN CASE YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE MEMO.

Hello everyone,

It was truly wonderful to see so many of you this morning at the service. For those of you that were unable to attend we made a few announcements that I want to catch you up on.



Since we are no longer involved in the collaboration with Grace the vestry voted to move our service time one last time. We felt that there was no reason to keep meeting at 11:00 a.m. so it was decided to begin our services at 9:30 a.m. starting on September 6th. The vestry thought that by meeting at 9:30 a.m. that this would be an easier time for the majority of our congregation.

The second announcement was that all of the technology equipment has been installed at Saint Alban's. We will be working with this equipment over the next few weeks to ensure that we work out any kinks so we can begin streaming services from the sanctuary. Unfortunately since the Covid-19 numbers have been going up in Allen county we will only be able to have those involved with the service in building. Our plan is to stream these services on zoom and our Facebook page. We will also record all of the services and then post them to YouTube so that anyone may watch any time after they are posted.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me or Jordan if you have any questions, suggestions or would like to participate in any of our services.

Many blessings,
Cindy
Senior Warden of Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

WORSHIP COMMISSION

After what has been a long period of significant disruptions in our life as a worshipping community, the outline of what will emerge as our new normal may be beginning to take shape. It is still unclear when we will be able to use our church building again, but meeting for Morning Prayer together on Zoom each Sunday seems to be going well. Attendance has been just a little short of 30 souls each week, and if you have not yet joined us, we look forward to seeing you soon. This month we will settle into what will now be our permanent worship time, both for on-line and in person services - 9:30 a.m. This represents a reasonable compromise between both of our old service times, and going forward it will be a positive thing for us to have one service in which we all worship together. Our search for a clergy person remains ongoing, but the current Covid-19 pandemic may contribute to slowing that process. We must place our trust in the Lord's leading and pray for Him to bring us, not just a clergy person, but the right person who He is preparing for us. Meanwhile, the diocese continues to offer a regular schedule of daily offices. With patience and persistence we will resume a normal parish life in God's time.

Blessings,
Elaine Fazzaro



Keep Positivity in Your Life

It's true that actions speak louder than words and positive people know it. They also know words have power and can be used to make a significant impact on the lives of others. Ask yourself if you speak positive words to those you care about, those you love? Positivity in your life creates genuine connections and lasting relationships. Do you want to become a more positive person? Start using some of these phrases that successful people often say:

1. I admire you! Positive people are appreciative and notice good qualities in people.
2. You can do it! Positive people are supportive.
3. I value you! Positive people are caring people.
4. I believe in you! Positive people are comforting.
5. You are smart! Positive people are encouraging.
6. I'm sorry! Positive people are strong and are quick to respond, "I'm sorry" when needed.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will. - Romans 12:2

Judy Wall



Pull, Dusty!

A man whose car was in a ditch went to a local farmer for help.

“I have an old horse named Dusty, the farmer said. “She is old and blind, but I think she can pull your car out of the ditch.”

The farmer hitched Dusty to the car and yelled, “Pull, Patches.” Nothing happened. Then he yelled, Pull, Brownie.” Again, nothing happened. Finally, he yelled, “Pull Dusty,” and the old horse pulled the car out of the ditch.

“Why did you call those other horses’ names?” asked the man.

The farmer replied, “So Dusty wouldn’t think she is pulling alone.”

We are reminded that we Christians must always pull together, and that at no time are we ever pulling alone, because Christ pulls with us and wants only our good.

Vestry Stewardship

Operating Fund

Operating income July	\$ 7,042.60	Operating income for 2020	\$66,245.75
Operating expense July	5,365.34	Operating expense for 2020	\$44,972.73
Net gain for July	\$ 1,677.26	Net gain for 2020	\$ 21,273.02

Vestry Highlights

At the meeting of the Vestry on August 18:

The discussion mentioned:

- a) Looking into a new Sunday School Curriculum
- b) Garage has been painted
- c) Lightbulbs need to be replaced in the sign out in front of the building
- d) Stewardship Drive coming up
- e) Tech Setup: Wi-Fi in the whole building, the rest of the equipment is being installed

It was moved:

- a) by John seconded by Elaine to move services to 9:30 AM,. Passed unanimously.

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
22 Audrey McLimans
22 Amanda Fazzaro
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
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.*

To all: Please check this below list and let me know of any changes or deletions.
Thank you.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER ESPECIALLY: Jerry Anderson, Paul Barker, Mindy Bleck, Toby Bleck, Neal Birchfield, Ray Brandes, Anne Butler, Dick Camp, Christina Connelly, Elliot Culwell, Sue Dirrim, John Diver, Mark Elliott, Andrew Foland, Ruth Ford, Chris Foreman, John Fox and family, Denise Frede, Norm and Anita Grams, Paula Hanlin, Bill Hughes, Claire Irvine, Vicki Irvine, Julie Lieb, Tricia Jones, Jacob and Christy Kittle, Rachel Lambert, John Jeffries, Suzanna Johnson, Marge McClure, Francis and Bobbie Mustapha, John and Julie Naunas and family, Canon Henry Randolph, Melissa Renner, Sandy Ritchie, Rick Spice, Les Stath, Mariane Sumners, Mark Williams and family and Betty Wiseheart.

For those unable to worship with us: Shirley Johnson, LuAnn Kleinschmidt, and Frances Krauskopf.

Military: Kaylee Collins, Sean Collins, Matthew Michael.



Tony and Carlen Trujillo have a new address. It is 2915 Clara Avenue, 46805. Please update your directory.

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY**

Vestry

Cindy Spice	Senior Warden
Jordan Trendelman	Junior Warden
Kenny White	Property
Laura Michael	Fellowship
Elaine Fazzaro	Worship
Jordan Trendelman	Membership
David Birchfield	Stewardship
Marilyn Rafter	Financial
John Lorenzen	Outreach
Megan Spice-Frede	Christian Foundation
Judy Wall	Care Connection
Christina Connelly – Communications Director	

Church Staff

Office Administrator Debbie Grosjean

Office Hours

**9:00 - 1:00
Monday through Friday**

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